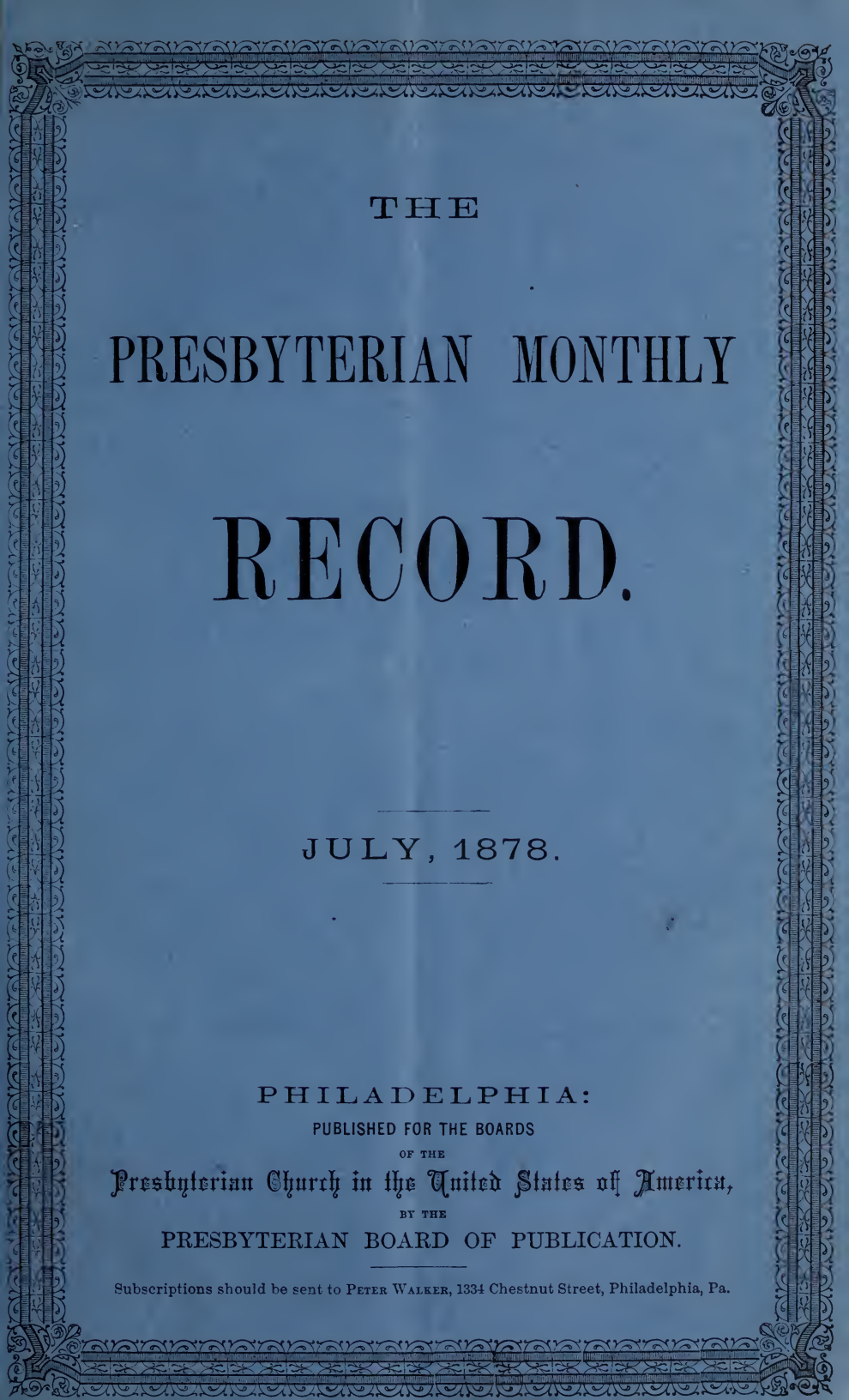


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1. Foreign Missions, January.
2. Sustentation, March.
3. Publication, May.
4. Church Erection, July.
5. Ministerial Relief, September.
6. Education, October.
7. Home Missions, November.
8. Freedmen, December.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

THE FREEDMEN.

The recent General Assembly at Pittsburgh, transferred back to the Freedmen's Committee at Pittsburgh, all the work, the missionaries and the churches, which that Committee had transferred to us in accordance with the act of the General Assembly, in St. Louis, in 1874.

As we had had charge of the work less than five months, we fear the vote of the Assembly will be construed as a rebuke or reprimand for neglect, inefficiency, or mismanagement on our part; or, that, inasmuch as the Board had entered enthusiastically into the work, had proposed to push it in the South as we had done in the West, the vote will be construed as expressing a fear on the part of the Assembly that we were about to do *too much* for the colored—and *too little* for the white man. But we trust the vote will not be so understood. We had become greatly interested in the work among the Freedmen, we had come to have a high regard for the missionaries, and were projecting new plans for the good of their people. But it is so ordered, that their official relation to them is terminated by act of the Assembly. The missionaries are requested to report their labors to us till July 1, 1878, when they will receive their pay from our treasury; after that time they will report to the Committee of Pittsburgh, as aforetime,—to which Committee all papers pertaining to that work already have been forwarded.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We insert the following report of the General Assembly's Standing Committee on Home Missions :

On this subject, therefore, your Committee would recommend that, as between the Home and Foreign Boards, all the territory within the geographical limits of the United States covered by our Presbyteries and Synods is, by the very constitution of the Home Board, the legitimate field of its operations. But the missions hitherto established and sustained by the Foreign Boards among the Chinese and Indians in our country, and any others which may be established by the Board, with the approval of the General Assembly, must remain exclusively under the care of that Board until an Assembly shall otherwise direct.

As a part of this general work, your Committee would call special attention to the large body of civilized Indian tribes in the Indian Territory, lying between Kansas and Texas. These number over 70,000, are near the railway, are not pagans, and need schools and preaching. We have but four men in that field, and the call for more is loud and persistent. Your Committee recommend the Board to consider the propriety of establishing such schools as are needed, and extend this work in that region as rapidly as men and means at their command will justify : and this Assembly also hereby recommends those churches specially interested in Home Missionary work among the Mormons, New Mexicans and Indians, to send to the Board of Church Erection special contributions for the purpose of securing mission chapels among these needy people, the said contributions to be disbursed by the Board of Church Erection upon such terms and in such manner as they deem proper.

3. The third group relates to exceptional agencies for procuring mission funds. Special reference is made to the agency known as the woman's work in our churches. Some of these woman's boards are organized exclusively for foreign work, some for home work, and still others on the broad basis of "missions," including upon equal terms the home and foreign. Some little friction has arisen in certain quarters on account of this diversity of aim and method. The Assembly of 1875 (p. 489) distinctly recommended "the organization of a Woman's Home Missionary Society, with auxiliary societies, under the advice of a council of the Board of Home Missions or its officers." The same Assembly in the same document distinctly defined its meaning in making such recommendation in the following words: "Such recommendation, without restricting the liberty of the women of each congregation, will express the clear judgment of the Assembly, that home evangelization and the conversion of the heathen are one and the same work of the Lord."

On this subject your committee would recommend that the attention of

Presbyteries and Synods be called to the action of 1875 referred to, and that in the judgment of this Assembly, it is suicidal to foster the idea of there being any radical distinction between any of the great departments of mission work represented in our Home and Foreign Boards. They also recommend that pastors, Presbyteries and Synods make special efforts by sermons or other means to present the principles and history of these organizations to the women of our churches. And that effort be made to secure harmony of method either by separate organizations for the different branches of the work, or by incorporating the claims of both branches in one organization. In the nature of the case there can be no conflict in principle between the home and foreign work, and there should be none in practice. Whatever cripples or strengthens the home work cripples or strengthens the foreign work.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

1. The action of the Assembly of 1873, with reference to a special bureau on unemployed ministers and vacant churches, is reported as working well. Your committee recommended that the Assembly renew its injunction to the Presbyteries, the Synods and the Board on this subject.

2. *The Permanent Fund of the Board.* Your Committee recommend that the General Assembly approve of the action of the Board of Home Missions in accepting the \$100,000 for a Permanent Fund, received from Mrs. John C. Green, from the estate of the late John C. Green, upon the terms of the deed of trust conveying the said gift. Your Committee also recommend that the General Assembly convey through its Stated Clerk a vote of thanks to Mrs. John C. Green for her liberal and noble gift.

3. *Sustentation.* With reference to the department of Sustentation, including the balance of \$44,879.50, your Committee deem it unnecessary to make any recommendation, in view of the fact that the whole subject is embraced in the work of a special committee to report to this Assembly.

4. *Loyalty to the work of Home Missions.* Your committee recommend that the Assembly call the special attention of pastors and Presbyteries to that part of the Annual Report under the heading of "Wants."

No possible friction, no inevitable mistake should for a moment be allowed to bind the energies of the Church in the support of this vital, grand work. Even depression of business should not hamper the faith and zeal of the Lord's hosts.

The widow of Zarephath gave first of her morsel of bread to the prophet of the Lord, and then the blessing came. Even in dark times let the feeblest Church of God have the same faith and do after the same manner.

5. *Appointment of members.* The term of service of the following members of the Board ends with this Assembly. Ministers—J. F. Stearns, D. D., Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D. Laymen—Robert Lenox Kennedy, John Taylor Johnston, John E. Parsons.

Your Committee recommend that these gentlemen be re-appointed members of the Board.

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report. Having carefully considered the Annual Report of the Board, your committee respectfully submit the following observations and suggestions.

First of all, the report clearly indicates that our Board is no fossilized institution, but is composed of men wide-awake and alive to all the demands and opportunities of the great work committed to their care. Nor is this mere compliment, but the expression of deep gratitude to God that

men of large views, great talent and catholic spirit can be found ready for the Master's sake to work so harmoniously, zealously and patiently in a cause of such magnitude and responsibility.

The next thought suggested by the Report is the vastness of the work being done. It is no child's play. It is not the work of a mere clerk. It demands generalship, executive ability and faith of the highest order. Whether you consider the number and variety of missionaries and churches, or the extent of territory, whether you view the vast and growing populations calling for aid, simply in the light of numbers, or consider the perplexing variety in their social, educational and religious conditions, the impression is the same, that of vastness and responsibility.

Justly does the Report classify the impressions into those of "variety, vastness and importance. Variety embracing differences of climate, productions, conditions of people, varying in manners and customs, descent and accessibility to religious influences. Vastness extending from the Rio Grande to the Red River on the north, through 25 degrees of latitude and 57 of longitude. Importance, as being the path-way of the nations from East to West and from West to East."

The home work is no longer merely the disbursement of funds within the boundaries and under the eye and direction of an organized Presbytery and Synod. Its home is the home of the American citizen. Its watchful eye sweeps over the vast fields of American soil. Its warm heart beats in sympathy with every home in the United States. It is a work which no single Presbytery or Synod can do. It is a work which all of them combined by no possible co-operation could accomplish. In the nature of the case, centralization of forces is demanded. The most effective blows result from sending the confined energies of the body through a single arm. This Board is the arm of the Church for the great work of evangelizing the land.

It is objected that in centralization there is possible tyranny, the reply is that in diffusion there is certain weakness. As all human agencies are fallible, the sweep of such a mighty arm may furnish occasion for criticism but certainly none for alarm, for the arm is always the servant of the body, and can have no rational interests not identical with those of the body.

But this Board is not merely the arm of the Church for the execution of its schemes, but the eye of the Church to sweep the out-look, mark the elements and strategic points, and thus aid the Church in formulating its schemes and in advancing, from year to year, along the line of its great mission.

A single Presbytery may the better determine the comparative merits of two points within its own bounds, but not when the second point lies within the bounds of a distant Presbytery, and much less when it lies far without the boundaries of any Presbytery. A compact and wealthy Presbytery may, perhaps, more wisely determine and execute the work within its own bounds, but to so limit its activities is to fall far short of their mission as a part of the Church of Christ.

Vigilance and honest criticisms on the part of the Presbyteries and of the whole Church are not only a duty but a healthful sign, and should always be welcomed by this and every other Board of the Church. God forbid the day when the Church or any part of it, will become so apathetic as to be indifferent to the conduct of any of its servants.

In the nature of things, difference of opinion will exist so long as the human mind exists as it is. To say that any considerable number of men think exactly alike on all phases of a great subject is to say that we do not

think at all. On the other hand, it is equally necessary that the Board should be as firm and resolute in executing approved plans as wise and sympathetic in devising new ones.

Lest these observations might seem to imply more than the facts will warrant, your committee will group under three heads the lines of actual and possible criticism.

1. The first regards simply the enlargement or growth of the Board's work. By what principle shall the Board be governed? Here is a certain amount of money actually contributed during the year by the whole Church for this work. During the same year, through the Presbyteries, the greater part of this, or perhaps the whole of it, is applied to carry on the work already within the bounds of the Presbyteries. But here are loud cries and pressing claims from new and far-off and yet promising points. What will the Board do? It may say to the Presbyteries, "We would love to give you all you ask, but we must heed these Macedonian cries, and enter upon this new work, and therefore we cannot do it."

The Presbytery may reply: "We need all we ask, you are pledged to these feeble churches, our missionaries are suffering, and it is better that new points should wait than that organized churches should die." Who is to determine the question? Certainly no single Presbytery has the right to do so, for the question concerns the whole Church, of which the Board is the servant. On this subject your committee respectfully recall the fact that the genius of Presbyterianism will not tolerate the idea of a sectional Church—its aim should ever be to make the actual correspond with the ideal. As the population of new territories advances the Church must advance or lose ground. The West of to-day is scarcely the West of yesterday. Not many years ago the ground upon which we now stand was missionary ground. Within a quarter of a century the "West" was Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Now the civilized and rapidly advancing West, having pushed itself beyond the Missouri, and beyond the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific slope, looks upon Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, as old States and quite far East. Presbyteries in these older States, not to speak of those in the Eastern States, notwithstanding their just claim to support and sympathy, should remember that time and opportunity are everything in the work of evangelizing new countries. They should be ready to make every possible sacrifice. They should remember that God gives seeds and not harvests. Years ago and freely through this Board the seeds were scattered within their boundaries. They should water and cultivate the harvest. As parents of those feeble churches, they should not expect to develop them into maturity by perpetually bearing them in their arms. When certain that a child will have no back-bone, its parent should count it a mercy that it dies in infancy. It is a fair question. Are there not many churches on our rolls, eating up what they can get from this Board, which really and in all Christian honesty have no right to exist?

There is a vast difference between preaching the gospel to a community and organizing them into a Church. An organization which lives perpetually for itself, especially if supported by another, has no right to be called a part of the organized church.

On the other hand your committee would respectfully ask the Board to remember that even the most promising children need to be supported to maturity; that it may be very bad policy to permit a growing and promising church to languish merely to plant a new church somewhere else; that the contributions expected must be measured by the actual and not

by the ideal character and condition of the churches. Just here your committee cannot fail to notice certain complaints made by overture from the Presbytery of Peoria. Similar complaints have reached the committee from several quarters, namely: That the Board is not always sufficiently considerate of the judgment of Presbytery in the matter of granting commissions for definite terms and of amounts allowed upon applications. In so far as the Board has disregarded the judgment of Presbytery in any case, and modified its applications solely or chiefly upon the ground of private information at variance with the judgment of Presbytery, your committee must insist upon the principle already announced, namely: that the judgment of Presbytery is final as to the merits of any particular case within its jurisdiction. The Board is competent to determine only two things concerning it namely: (1) Whether or not it is able, financially, to grant the request; and (2) Whether, being able, the claims of the case in point are equal to, or inferior to, or superior to other claims that may be before them from the Presbyteries, and from points outside of all Presbyteries. On this subject your committee does not deem it necessary to recommend anything but wisdom, prudence, patience, faith and works on the part of the Presbyteries, the churches, and the Board.

2. The second group relates to the character and scope of the work done by this Board. Until recently this work was confined to "the establishment and maintenance of churches." But by action of Assembly, demanded by exceptional populations found in newly-acquainted territories, this work has been extended to the establishment and maintenance of schools necessary to prepare the way for churches. These exceptional populations, some of them speaking foreign tongues and practicing heathen worship, are found in Utah, Idaho, Alaska and New Mexico. All of them in many respects, and some of them in no respect, are prepared for church organization. The report shows that three schools in Alaska, ten in Utah, one in Idaho, and six in New Mexico, twenty in all, with twenty teachers, have already been established, are well attended and doing, with the Sabbath-schools associated with them, a good preparatory work. But this work thus and just begun reveals vast possibilities, and promises large proportions, in view of the fact that these exceptional populations aggregate over half a million people, a number equal to the whole membership of our Church. Is it wise to thus enlarge the function of this Board? Is it the best that can be done to encourage this Board at once and vigorously to grapple with the solution of the mighty problem here involved? There are two theories. One is to "sweep the whole home country with a home broom," irrespective of character or condition of the population. That is, to give the whole territory of the United States to the Home Board. The other is to limit the work of the Home Board to a class or classes, determined by their fitness or readiness for immediate Church work. This theory would give all exceptional populations to the Foreign Board.

But (1,) the genius of the foreign work is to teach and preach in a foreign tongue and to build up the Church under a foreign government, while that of the home work is to teach and preach in the English language, to naturalize all foreign elements, and extend and build up our own Church in our own land. And consequently (2,) the methods and appliances of the Foreign Board are not as well adapted to this work as those of the Home Board. (3.) The work can be done at less expense by the Home Board.]

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS IN MAY, 1878.

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 Rev. M. L. Hofford, Morrisville, Pa.
 Rev. W. Travis, Springfield, Pa.
 Rev. J. B. Krewson, Forestville, Pa.
 Rev. B. Roberts, Morristown Second, Pa.
 Rev. T. C. Anderson, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
 Rev. F. R. S. Hunsicker, Carversville, Pa.
 Rev. A. W. Long, Lower Merion, Pa.
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 Rev. A. D. Moore, Bethlehem, Pa.
 Rev. G. S. Burroughs, Slatington, Pa.
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 Rev. J. Peeples, Miranda and New Hope, N. C.
 Rev. W. J. Williams, Lexington, Mocksville, Mt. Vernon and Winston, N. C.
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 Rev. D. J. Sanders, Wilmington and Chapel Hill, N. C.
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 Rev. W. R. Coles, Salisbury, Oakland and Gold Hill, N. C.
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RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN MAY, 1878.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany, 6th, 6; Kingsboro, 25; Sand Lake, 12. *Champlain*—Burke, 12; Rev. S. H. Williams, 3. *Columbia*—Catskill, 109 58. *Troy*—Cohoes, 12. 179 53
 ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Mt. Pleasant, 1 50; St. Paul's, 2 50; White Hall, 43 cts. *East Florida*—Jacksonville, 1st, 20; Jacksonville, 3d, 1. 25 43
 BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore, Brown Memorial Mission Sab-sch., 6 17; Churchville, Sab sch., 5; Ellicott's City, 26. *New Castle*—Delaware City, 15; Rock, 15; Snow Hill, 5; Zion, 40. *Washington City*—Clifton, 3; Manassas, 3; Prince William 1st, 4. 122 17
 CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Apalachin, 5; Bainbridge, 12; Union, 21; Rev. Peter Lockwood, 100. *Otsego*—Unadilla, 4 08. *St. Lawrence*—Plessis, 2 93; Theresa, 5 07. *Syracuse*—Syracuse, 4th, (add'l), 181. *Utica*—Verona, Sab-sch. 24 28. 355 36

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Frankfort, 10; Monaca, 3 61; North Fork, 17 50. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati, Poplar St., 30; Loveland, 7 83; Monterey, 2; Reading and Lockland, Sab-sch., 14. *Dayton*—College Corner, 4; Harmony, 9. *Portsmouth*—Winchester, 5 60. 103 54
 CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Collamer, 26; Parma, 7; Springfield, 18; Rev. J. E. Vance and family, 5. *Mahoning*—Coitsville, 4; Mineral Ridge, 5; Niles, 14 50; Youngstown, 1st, 32 13; Youngstown, 2d, 4. *St. Clairsville*—Bell Air, 32; Farmington, 4 15. *Steubenville*—Richmond, 11 60; Scio, 3. 166 38
 COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Colorado Springs Sab-sch., 15; Laramie, 7. *Santa Fe*—Santa Fe, 5. *Utah*—Corinne, 10. 37 00
 COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Portland, 757. 757 00
 COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Marietta, 10. *Zanesville*—Newark, 2d, 5 15. 15 15

ERIE.—Allegheny—Allegheny, Central, 19 09. Butler—Centre, 4 14; Pine Grove, (Sab-sch., 19), 47. Erie—Cambridge, 8; Garland, 10. Kuttanning—East Union, 4; Elder's Ridge, 30.

GENEVA.—Cayuga—Cayuga, 8. Chemung—Edytown Ladies' Soc'y, 15. Geneva—Geneva, 1st, 21 22. Lyons—Lyons Ladies' Soc'y, 51 25. Steuben—Corning (Sab-sch. 25 cts.), 34 55.

HARRISBURGH.—Carlisle—Carlisle, 2d Ladies' Soc'y, 141; Centre, 10; Lower Path Valley, 32; Burnt Cabins, 6; Warfordsburgh, 5. Huntingdon—Perrysville, 30. Northumberland—Lewisburgh Sab-sch., 37 50.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Peoria—Elmwood, 5; Lime Stone, from John Cameron, 5. Schuyler—Prairie City, 15. Springfield—Jacksonville, Pisgah, 15; Springfield, 2d, from Mrs. M. J. Abel, 5. 45 00

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—Lawndale, 25. Ottawa—Rochelle, 10. Rock River—Millersburgh, 10. 45 00

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—Alton—Virden, 12 98. Cairo—Harrisburgh, 5. 17 98

INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Williamsport, 5. Fort Wayne—Ossian, 10. Logansport—Plymouth, 2 03. Muncie—Wabash, 7 69. 24 72

INDIANA, SOUTH.—New Albany—Brownstown, 97 cts. White Water—Shelbyville, German, 14; Versailles, 1. 15 97

IOWA, NORTH.—Cedar Rapids—Delmar, 3. Dubuque—Caldwell, 2; Fairbanks, 3; Lansing, German, 2; Pleasant Prairie, 1; Wilson's Grove, 1; Mrs. E. Scharf, 3. Fort Dodge—Grand Junction, 12 20. Waterloo—Albion, 4 50; Iowa Centre Ladies' Soc'y, 5; Pisgah Ladies' Missionary Soc'y, 10. 42 20

IOWA, SOUTH.—Council Bluffs—Pleasant Ridge, 2. Des Moines—Dallas Centre, 2; Humeston, 3 13; Lucas, 1 53; Minburn, 1; Seymour, 1 80. Iowa—Union (Fort Madison), 24. Iowa City—Hermon, 4 50; Washington, 5 92. 45 88

KANSAS.—Emporia—Arkansas City, 10; Big Creek 1; Pioneer, 3; Rock Creek, 3; Roxbury, 4. Highland—Doniphan, 2 50; Highland, Sab-sch., 3 45; Wathena, 2. Larned—Bellevue, 1; Burton, 4; Valley Township, 7 22. Neosho—Mineral Point, 2. Solomon—Cora, 65 cts.; Scandia, 5; Scotch Plains, 1 75; Smith Centre, 1 85; Twelve Mile, 50 cts.; Rev. A. D. Laughlin and family, 3 25. Topeka—Manhattan, 3; Wamego, 5. 71 29

KENTUCKY.—Ebenezer—Flemingsburgh, 9 25; Greenup, 5; Paris, 1 80. Transylvania—Bethel, 8. 24 05

LONG ISLAND.—Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 1st, 697, add'l; Brooklyn, South 3d St, 5 of which from Mrs. Moaas, 50 from Sab-sch., 55. Nassau—Jamaica, 7 60. 759 60

MICHIGAN.—Detroit—Detroit, Union, 13; Howell, 105; White Lake, 8. Grand Rapids—East Bay, 5; Elk Rapids, 5; Grand Haven, 27 50; Ferry Ministry Fund, 62 50. Lansing—Eckford, 1. Saginaw—Morrice, 6. 233 00

MINNESOTA.—Mankato—Madelia, 4 50; Tracy, 2. St. Paul—Red Wing, 5 65; St. Paul, House of Hope, 110 90; Willmar, 3. Winona—Glasgow, 2 50; Harmony, 2 50; Hokah, 7; Houston, 5; Rochester Ladies, Missionary Soc'y., 5; Sheldon, 5; Summer, 16 91. 169 96

MISSOURI.—Ozark—Carthage (Sab-sch., 150), 10; Webb City, 2. Platte—Akron, 5; Hamilton, 8 60; Martinsville, 10; Mt. Zion, 1. St. Louis—Washington, 3 50. 40 10

NEBRASKA.—Kearney—Hastings, 28; Sidney, 6 50, Thornton, 1; Verona, 5; "A friend of Home Missions," 13. Omaha—Lyons, 2; Tekamah, 4; Silver Creek, 3 18; Silver Ridge Mission Band, 3. 65 68

NEW JERSEY.—Elizabeth—Clinton, 1st, Sab-sch., 17 50; Roselle, 1st, (Sab-sch., 4 37), 12 17. Jersey City—Jersey City, 3d, 3; Tenafly, 7 90. Monmouth—Farmingdale, 5; Mount Holly, 22 58; Red Bank, 6 98. Morris & Orange—East Orange, 9 01; South Orange, 56 69. Newark—Newark, 1st, Monthly Concert Collections, 37 78; Newark Park, 23 16; Newark, Rose-

ville, 225 69. New Brunswick—Hamilton Square, 5; Stockton, 5; Trenton, Prospect St., 27 11; Ladies' Missionary Societies, 337. Newton—Ashbury, 15; Yellow Frame, 6 65. West Jersey—Bridgeton, 1st, Ladies' Soc'y, 40; Bridgeton, 2d, Ladies' Soc'y, 75; Bridgeton, West, Ladies' Soc'y, 69 61, (in pt.); Camden, 1st, Ladies' Soc'y, 100; Clayton, Sab-sch., 13; Swedesborough, 1; Waterford, 5. 1120 53

NEW YORK.—Hudson—Circleville, 4; Florida, 11; Greenbush, 2 25; Scotchtown, 4 37. New York—New York, Madison Square, add'l, 25; New York, University Place, 1 292 10; New York, Fourth ave., Monthly Concert Collections, 25 83. North River—Newburgh, Union, 25; Poughkeepsie, Ladies' Home Missionary Soc'y, 250. Westchester—New Rochelle, 75. 1 714 55

PACIFIC.—Benicia—Mendocino, 116. Los Angeles—Wilmington, Calvary, 14. Sacramento—Colusa, 10. San Francisco—San Pablo (Sab-sch., 11 50), 20 20; West Berkeley, 3 50. 163 70

PHILADELPHIA.—Lackawanna—Honesdale, 497 50. Lehigh—Hokendauqua, from S. Kinsey, 5. Philadelphia—Philadelphia Tabernacle, from Miss C. Hamilton, 15; Philadelphia, Walnut St., 649 41. Phila. Central—Philadelphia, Green Hill, 61 01. Phila. North—Holmesburgh (Sab-sch., 25), 32 09; Rev. G. R. Moore, 1. 1 261 01

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Fairfield, 13 66; Manor, 1; Murraysville, Sab-sch, 33. Pittsburgh—Bethel, 2; Chartiers, 14 80; East Liberty, 18; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 55 89. Redstone—Dunbar, 6; Greensboro, 2; Laurel Hill, from David A. C. Sherrard, 200; Mount Vernon, 10; Mount Washington, 7 65; Round Hill, 6; Uniontown, Sab-sch., 15. West Virginia—Lumberport, 3. 388 00

TENNESSEE—Union—Erin, 50; Shiloh, 2. 2 50

TEXAS.—Austin—Willow Springs, 3. 3 00

TOLEDO.—Bellevue—Bellevue, 6 53; Bucyrus, 4 15; West Liberty, 2 37. Lima—McComb, 10; West Union, 6. Maumee—Toledo, 3d, 4 50. 33 55

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Connewango, 6. Genesee—North Bergen, 7. Genesee Valley—Allegheny, 7; Franklinville, 21. Niagara—Holley, 27; Lockport, 1st, Sab-sch., 62 50; Wilson (Sab-sch., 17 50), 42 32. Rochester—Lima, 2 82; Rochester, 3d, Sab-sch., 101 37; Sparta, 1st, (Ladies' Soc'y, 15), 20. 297 01

WISCONSIN.—Winnebago—Horicon, 4. Wisconsin River—Waukegan, 10. 14 00

From the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Brooklyn..... 25 00

Total received from churches.....\$8,933 44

LEGACIES.—Legacy of William Van Doren Sutton, dec'd, late of Belmont Co. Ohio. 50 00

MISSCELLANEOUS.—Society of Inquiry of Auburn Theological Seminary, 60; A Presbyterian Lady, 20; Miss Henry, Brooklyn, N. Y., 2 50; "A Thank-offering to the Lord," 10; "Tithes," 44 17; Society of Inquiry of Union Theological Seminary, 4; "C. Ohio," 11 59; Rev. R. Hawley, Kentland, Ind., 2; Mrs. S. C. Whitaker, Eminence, Ind., 1 60; "Friends, N.H.," 500; "N.," 1; "Anonymous, 1; Rev. J. A. Hahn, "Recognition of thanks," 10 cts.; Mr. George H. Brown, Newark, N. J. 25; Rev. R. E. Hawley, Cleves, Ohio, 1; "T. B.," Cincinnati, Ohio, 5; Mr. James Russell, North Jackson, Ohio, 5. Interest on Bowes Bequest, 70; Interest on John C. Green Fund, 700; Interest on Saml. Utter's Bequest, 40. 1,503 96

Total in May, 1878.....\$10,457 40

O. D. EATON, Treasurer. (P. O. Box 3863).

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SUSTENTATION DEPARTMENT.

The General Assembly adopted the following "Report of Committee on Sustentation and Home Missions to the General Assembly of 1878":

The Special Committee appointed by the last Assembly, to whom were referred overtures from the Presbytery of Elizabeth and from the Synod of Philadelphia, relating to the Sustentation Department of the Board of Home Missions, with instructions to "consider the facts, and recommend what changes or modifications, if any, are desirable, respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee do not deem it expedient to re-establish Sustentation as a separate scheme in the benevolent work of our Church.

But the ends which the Sustentation scheme was designed to accomplish—viz.: the more general establishment of the pastoral office, and the better support of the ministry—are so important and so precious to the Church, and many of the rules incorporated into that scheme are so well adapted to secure these ends, that in the unanimous judgment of your committee, they ought to be more fully engrafted upon the work of Home Missions.

We therefore recommend the adoption by the Assembly of the following instructions to the Board of Home Missions:

I. The separate departments of the Board shall be discontinued, and the two treasuries consolidated.

II. The Churches receiving aid from the Board shall be divided into two classes, to be called respectively *Sustentation Pastorates* and *Mission Charges*.

III. The conditions necessary to a *Sustentation Pastorate* are as follows:

1. The regular constitution of the pastoral relation according to the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church.

2. The taking of annual collections for all the Boards, according to some systematic plan.

3. The contribution of not less than \$600 in money, towards the annual salary of the pastor; such contribution to average not less than \$6.50 for each Church member.

4. Upon the agreement of the Church to the foregoing conditions, and upon the recommendation of the Presbytery—such recommendations being adopted in accordance with the report of the Presbyterial Committee on Home Missions, and accompanied at each renewal with the certificate that the foregoing conditions on the part of the Church have been fulfilled—the Board shall supplement the salary so as to make it at least \$900.

Provided, That in case where there is a parsonage occupied by the pastor, the annual rent value of it, estimated by the Presbyterial Committee on Home Missions, shall be deducted from the amount paid by the Board; and,

Provided, Also, that no aid shall be granted, if, in the judgment of either the Presbytery or the Board, the constitution or continuance of a Sustentation Pastorate will prevent the grouping of Churches which ought to be united in the support of a minister.

5. Two or more contiguous Churches may be united in a Sustentation Pastorate upon the same condition—that is to say: the minister must be installed as pastor in each Church, each Church shall take annual collections for all the Boards, and shall contribute at the rate of not less than \$6.50 per member toward the annual salary of the pastor, and the aggregate contributions of the united Churches shall be not less than \$600.

IV. The conditions necessary to a *Mission Charge* are as follows:

1. It may consist of one or more Churches.

2. The minister must be a member of the Presbytery to which the Church or Churches belong.

3. Every Church receiving aid shall take annual collections for all the Boards.

4. The application to the Board shall be recommended by the Presbytery, upon the report of its Committee on Home Missions, and every renewal of the application must be accompanied with a certification that the above conditions have been fulfilled, and that the promises of the people in regard to the support of the minister have been performed.

5. The amount of aid to Mission Charges to be determined, as hitherto, by the Presbytery and the Board.

V. Presbyteries shall require of Churches renewing applications for aid an annual decrease in the amount asked for, whenever such decrease is practicable. And no Church shall receive aid in either of the above classes for a longer period than five years, except in special cases to be agreed upon by the Presbytery and the Board.

VI. The vote in the Presbytery on the question of recommending any Church for aid shall be taken by ballot, and the fact that it is so taken shall be reported to the Board.

VII. The Board of Home Missions shall continue, as heretofore, to commission missionaries to new and destitute fields where Churches have not yet been organized.

HENRY J. VANDYKE, *Chairman.*
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 HENRY W. WILLIAMS.

JACOB BELVILLE,
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APPOINTMENT FOR SUSTENTATION IN MAY, 1878.

Rev. T. L. Sexton, New London, Ia.

Rev. C. R. Burdick, Oconto, Wis.

RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN MAY, 1878.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Charlton, 8 50; New Scotland, 22. 30 50	Jersey City, 3d, 1; Tenafly, 1 96. <i>Morris & Orange</i> —East Orange, 1 18; <i>Newark</i> —Newark Park, 5 75. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Hamilton Square, 2 12; Stockton, 1. <i>Newton</i> —Yellow Frame, 164. 52 00
BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —Lower West Nottingham, 16; Rock, 10; Snow Hill, 5; Zion, 16. 47 00	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Scotchtown, 1 04. 1 04
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Cortland, 18 43. 18 43	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Lehigh</i> —Hazleton, 19 34.
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati, 7th, 34 50. <i>Dayton</i> —College Corner, 1; Harmony, 1. 36 50	<i>Philadelphia</i> —1st, 1 18. <i>Philadelphia, Central</i> —2d, German, 10 20; Olivet, 51 04. † <i>Philadelphia, North</i> —Bensalem, 35. <i>Westminster</i> —Mt. Joy, 3. 236 53
CLEVELAND.— <i>Mahoning</i> —Coitsville, 1; Youngstown, 1st, 23 09. <i>Steubenville</i> —Yellow Creek, 12. 36 09	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Manor, 2; Salem, 4 50. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —East Liberty, 18; Oakdale, 14 90; Shady Side, 27 95. <i>Redstone</i> —Dunlap's Creek, 5; George's Creek, 5; McClellandtown, 4. 81 35
COLUMBUS.— <i>Zanesville</i> —Jefferson, 3. 3 00	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —West Liberty, 59 cts. 59
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Buffalo, 1; Centre, 1 03; Mt. Nebo, 2 80; Pine Grove, 6; Westminster, 2; Zelenople, 3 73. <i>Clarion</i> —Greenville, 2; Kittinging, Elder's Ridge, 15. <i>Shenango</i> —Mt. Pleasant, 5. 38 56	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Rochester</i> —Lima, 70 cts.; Moscow, 2; Sparta, 1st, 5. 7 70
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Sugar Hill, 1 80. <i>Steuben</i> —Corning, 1 82. 3 62	Total received from churches..... 774 70
HARRISBURG.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Bloomfield, 7 02. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Clearfield, 11 56; Perrysville, 15; Peru, 2. 35 58	MISSCELLANEOUS.
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Schuyler</i> —Bardolph, 1; Prairie City, 5. 6 00	"C." Ohio, 2 88; Rev. R. E. Hawley, Cleves, Ohio, 2. 4 88
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Ottawa</i> —Paw Paw Grove, 6 70; White Rock, 1. 7 70	Total in May, 1878..... 779 58
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Virden, 3 19. 3 19	O. D. EATON, <i>Treasurer.</i>
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Bethany, 7 90. <i>Logansport</i> —Plymouth, 50 cts. 8 40	(P. O. Box 3863) 23 Centre Street, New York.
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>New Albany</i> —New Albany, 39 50. <i>White Water</i> —Hopewell, 1; Versailles, 2. 42 50	LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretaries,
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Iowa</i> —Union, 7; New London, 5. <i>Iowa City</i> —Washington, 1 47. 13 47	Rev. HENRY KENDALL, D. D., or Rev. CYRUS DICKSON, D. D., No. 23 Centre St., New York City.
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Augusta, 11; Greenup, 1; Paris, 60 cts. 12 00	LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to O. D. Eaton, Esq., Treasurer—same address—P. O. Box 3863.
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Red Wing, 1 40; St. Paul, House of Hope, 43 76. 45 16	
MISSOURI.— <i>Ozark</i> —Joplin, 2. <i>Platte</i> —Akron, 4; Martinsville, 1 10. 7 10	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Jersey City</i> —Bergen, 36 30;	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Luke x. 2.

A review of the year suggests the inquiry whether our Church is paying that attention to the development of its ministry which circumstances demand. Right measures for this object, it need not be said, are fundamental to the success of every department of church work. Without a ministry competent in numbers and ability, Home Missions and Foreign Missions were impossible, and Church Election comparatively useless. The first and constant aim of the Church, therefore, one would suppose, would be to keep this force, divinely appointed as it is to lead on the conquests of the Gospel, ever full and well trained, and ready equipped for service wherever required. Yet, strange to say, it is precisely in this respect where the least zeal is shown, and the agency which has for its object the development of the ministry receives the smallest support and appears to be the most unpopular. On this point the rulers of this world prove themselves wiser in their generation than the children of light. No cost or pains is spared by them that is necessary for maintaining their armies up to the due standard of effectiveness. Better an excess than a deficiency in this department, is their maxim. And can the Church afford to act on any other principle? Yet, for some reason, there is an evident relaxing from her former energy in this direction. Much, indeed, she has done and is still doing for the intellectual and moral culture of her ministry. Her numerous colleges and seminaries, well endowed and furnished with scholarships, testify to her abiding sense of the importance of putting into her pulpits only such men as are thoroughly qualified for the sacred office. Still, it must be confessed, there is a serious deficiency somewhere that calls for earnest consideration. *The supply of ministers does not equal the demand.* Here is the plain, glaring fact, which cannot be concealed. It was testified to on the floor of the Assembly by the Secretaries of both the Home and Foreign Boards and by the Freedmen's Committee. It is also corroborated by an examination of the roll of churches in the Minutes of the Assembly of 1877. No less than 948 churches are there reported vacant. Nor are these all feeble organizations, incapable of supporting a pastor or unworthy of nurture. Of these vacant churches, 115 number from 100 to 500 members each; 166 from 50 to 100 members each; 234 from 25 to 50 members each; and of the 433 smaller ones, surely none would say that they are miserable weaklings not worth caring for. If it was wise to organize them, it is wise to look after them and provide for them due watch and care. To leave these infant daughters of our common

mother to perish of want—as they are doing at the rate of 57 per year on an average!—is an abandonment of offspring too much after the old heathen usage to be willingly countenanced by Christians. Their very birth entitles them to some provision for their existence, and it becomes the duty of the Presbyteries and Synods, under whose care they are, to secure to them proper spiritual nutriment in some way or other. This duty is distinctly stated in the very polity of the Church. But when we come to look for the ministers who may be put in charge of these churches, they are not to be found. At the largest calculation not more than three hundred may be counted in all our bounds who, being without employment, are either able or willing or suitable to occupy these vacant pulpits. So that should they all be set to work there would still be a large number of vacancies. Meanwhile new churches are organized at the rate of 10 a year more than the ministers furnished to supply them. And this disparity between churches and ministers threatens to widen still more. Looking along the six years past, there seems to have been an almost steady decline in the number of candidates offering themselves for the sacred office. The aggregate number of students in our eight Theological Seminaries last year was 33 less than that of the year before, and the testimonies obtained from our various colleges indicate a still further decrease in the future. Yet, with all these published facts, the cry still goes forth, “The Church has too many ministers. The Board of Education is crowding the market.” So funds are withheld from its treasury, and the candidates whom it is endeavoring to aid are disheartened and the institutions where some of them are being educated are breaking down under the heavy load of their support.

One explanation offered for this anomalous condition of things is, that the ministers educated by the Church are not enough of the right sort: they are not such as are ready or qualified to do the work which is needed to be done. Now assuming, without affirming, this to be true, the question comes up, How happens it that they are not of the right sort? Does not the statement point to a serious defect on the part of the Church which, under God, should be laboring to produce men of the right sort? Men of the right sort to serve in all our varied fields—not only to be pastors of our large and intelligent congregations, but also to foster and build up churches in our smaller towns and frontier settlements—men ready to endure loneliness, privations and hardship with a self-sacrificing devotion; men willing to employ shining talents and large acquirements in hidden labors, are not the spontaneous product of human society in its ordinary conditions. They cannot be purchased with money. They cannot be caught by the allurements of educational advantages. They will not come to the call of Boards or churches. They are Christ’s gift in answer to prayer. They are the workmanship of His Spirit operating through the hearts of parents consecrating their children to holy offices as Hannah did Samuel; through the hearts of Sunday-school teachers and Preceptors and Professors

of colleges desirous of raising out of their classes such as shall be "sons of the Prophets," as did Elijah and Elisha; through the hearts of ministers ambitious to beget to themselves sons in the Lord, as Paul did Timothy. No exotic ever required such assiduous care and culture as does the ministry. And this care and culture is not of the intellectual kind alone. It must be moral and spiritual still more. Back of all intellectual education there must be the true apostolic spirit to be educated; and this comes from above. It must be sought after.

Now it may be fairly questioned whether the Church at present is duly alive to its responsibilities in this particular. To all appearance there is a lull of zeal in behalf of the ministry which forebodes ill to its interests. Under the belief that there are too many ministers already some even ridicule the idea of offering petitions for more. For the same reason the attention of our young men is turned less and less towards the sacred calling, it may be also that they are deterred from it by the difficulties and hardships which are seen to beset it. The Day of Prayer for colleges is not observed with its former enthusiasm, and in numerous cases is wholly neglected. While the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and of Church Election, are receiving large contributions, that Board whose business it is to furnish the men that are to be commissioned, and to occupy the churches to be built, is straitened in its resources and compelled to decline the needed aid to such candidates as do present themselves. Wherever we touch the public pulse on this subject we find it beats feebly. The inclination seems to be to allow the supply of the ministry to take care of itself.

The evil threatened is not far to see. The signs of it already begin to show themselves. The ministry will gradually sink, degenerate, as it often has done, into a mere profession, which will be sought only so far as it promises emoluments and honors and social advantages. Instead of being ruled in its service by the Spirit of Christ, it will be ruled by the principles of this world. Parishes will be valued only as "livings," and their importance and desirability estimated according to the salary offered. "A call," while it may be spoken of as coming from Christ, will be sought, not so much through prayer in the closet, as through the intervention of friends urgently solicited to lend their influence. The chief aim of the sermons preached will be entertainment rather than edification. And young candidates, as they go forth to their work, instead of pushing with loose foot and fiery zeal into the regions beyond, to spread the conquests of the Church, will be ambitious to nestle themselves in nice places and will enter upon the smaller churches to which they may be invited, with the feeling that these are but stepping-stones to larger ones up towards which they mean to climb.

Undergoing such a change, the ministry will come to lose all sacredness in the public esteem. Indeed all sense of its sacredness will be precluded by the very principles operating in it. These being secular in their essential characteristics, must necessarily secularize in proportion as they pre-

ponderate; and when it is perceived that ministers are looking chiefly to position and comfort and pay, it will only be by courtesy that they will be regarded as the true ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Such are some of the evils into which the let-alone policy will set the ministry drifting, for it will then be simply abandoned to the natural currents of this world. There will be no help for it, as all the precedents of church history plainly prove. The ministry can be kept up to its high character only by constant prayer and watchfulness, and sedulous culture on the part of the Church. In proportion to its value will its cost ever be. It is the flower which carries in itself the seeds for the Church's further propagation, and can reach its proper unfolding only as it gathers into itself nourishment from every part of the body out of which it springs. And this nourishment the Church must be earnest in bestowing if it would enjoy a true prosperity.

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN MAY, 1878.

ATLANTIC.— <i>East Florida</i> —Jacksonville, 1st, 6 50	MISSOURI.— <i>Ozark</i> —Joplin, 3. <i>Palmyra</i> , Glasgow, 4; <i>Salisbury</i> , 1 50. <i>Platte</i> —Akron, 1; <i>Martinsville</i> , 60 cts. 10 10
4. <i>Yadkin</i> —Mebanesville, 2 50. 6 50	NEBRASKA.— <i>Kearney</i> —Hastings, 6. <i>Omaha</i> —Belle Creek, 2 25. 8 25
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Govane Chapel, 16 31.	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —New Providence, 7; <i>Roselle</i> , 1st, Sub-sch. 93 cts., 2 72. <i>Jersey City</i> — <i>Haekensack</i> , 10; <i>Jersey City</i> 3d, 1; <i>Tenafly</i> , 2 20. <i>Monmouth</i> —Mount Holly, 9 41. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —East Orange, 2 52. <i>Newark</i> — <i>Newark Park</i> , 6 46; <i>Newark South Park</i> , 1. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Hamilton Square, 3 73. <i>Newton</i> —Ashbury, 10; <i>Yellow Frame</i> , 1 86. <i>West Jersey</i> —Camden, 2d, 46. 103 90
<i>New Castle</i> —Rock, 14; <i>Zion</i> , 20. <i>Washington City</i> —Washington, 1st, 33. 83 31	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Scotchtown, 1 23. <i>Westchester</i> —New Rochelle, 20. 21 23
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Otsego</i> —Unadilla, 4. <i>Syracuse</i> —Onondaga Valley, 2 06. 6 06	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia, 10th, Sub-sch., 12 23. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Northminster, 13 50. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Chestnut Hill, 100. 125 73
CINCINNATI.— <i>Chillicothe</i> —Frankfort, 4; <i>Pisgah</i> , 5. <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati, 2d German, 5. <i>Dayton</i> —College Corner, 3; <i>Hamilton</i> , 13 85; <i>Harmony</i> , 6. 36 85	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Johnstown, 12; <i>Manor</i> , 1. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Bethany, 10; <i>East Liberty</i> , 9; <i>Pittsburgh</i> , Shady Side, 27 95. <i>Redstone</i> —Dunbar, 5; <i>Dunlap's Creek</i> , 7; <i>McClellandtown</i> , 4 50. <i>Washington</i> —Mount Prospect, 17 36. <i>West Virginia</i> —Lumberport, 1; <i>Sutton</i> , 1. 95 81.
CLEVELAND.— <i>Mahoning</i> —Coitsville, 1. <i>Steubenville</i> —Feed Spring, 2 65; <i>Scio</i> , 3. 6 65	TENNESSEE.— <i>Union</i> —Shiloh, 1. 1 00
COLORADO.— <i>Utah</i> —Corinne, 2. 2 00	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine, 1 82; <i>Bucyrus</i> , 89 cts.; <i>West Liberty</i> , 66 cts. <i>Huron</i> —Sandusky, 5 28. 9 65
COLUMBUS.— <i>Athens</i> —Pomeroy, 12 50. <i>Columbus</i> —Dublin, 4. 16 50	WEST NEW YORK.— <i>Genesee</i> —Bergen, 19 82. <i>Niagara</i> —Wilson, 5. <i>Rochester</i> —Lima, 79 cts.; <i>Sparta</i> , 1st, 5. 30 61
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre, 1 15; <i>Pine Grove</i> , 8; <i>Westminster</i> , 1. <i>Kittanning</i> —Elder's Ridge, 15; <i>West Lebanon</i> , 10. <i>Shemango</i> —Clarksville, 19 30; <i>Mount Pleasant</i> , 10. 64 45	WISCONSIN.— <i>Chippewa</i> —Galesville, 5; <i>La Crosse</i> , 1st, 2 50. 7 50
GENEVA.— <i>Geneva</i> —Penn Yan, 25; <i>Seneca Castle</i> , 7. <i>Steuben</i> —Corning, 2 04. 34 04	
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Carlisle, 1st, 19 13. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Perryville, 25; <i>Peru</i> , 2. <i>Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany, 8 85; <i>Jersey Shore</i> , 50. 104 98	Total receipts from Churches .....\$1,042 09
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Peoria</i> —Lewistown, 38 47; <i>Prospect</i> , 21 50; <i>Hamilton</i> , 3 60; <i>Montebello</i> , 4 20; <i>Prairie City</i> , 8; <i>Wythe</i> , 5. 80 77	MISCELLANEOUS— <i>Jas. Gray, Esq.</i> , Cincinnati, O., 25; <i>Rev. H. Allen</i> and <i>Mrs. Mary Allen</i> , Princeton, Ky., 5; <i>Mrs. Ross</i> , Phila. Pa., 10; <i>E. G. W. Bellefield</i> , Pa., 10; "C. Ohio," 3 23; <i>Jas. Russell</i> , North Jackson, O., 5..... 58 23
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Joliet, 1st, 8 65. <i>Ottawa</i> —Rochelle, 5. <i>Rock River</i> —Edgington, 6 75. 20 40	Total receipts in May.....\$1,100 32
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Brighton, 1 70; <i>Vir- den</i> , 3 62. 5 32	E. G. WOODWARD, Treasurer, 1334 Chestnut Street, Phila.
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Elkhart, 6. <i>Logansport</i> —Plymouth—56 cts.; <i>South Bend</i> , 1st, 21. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 72. 29 28	Reports and correspondence relating to the general business of the Board, address to Rev. D. W. Poor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Shiloh, 1 50. <i>New Albany</i> —Paoli, 5. <i>Vincennes</i> —Vincennes, 1st, 11 75. 18 25	
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Dubuque</i> —Wilson's Grove, 1. <i>Fort Dodge</i> —Sac City, 1. 2 00	
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Missouri Valley, 3 56. <i>Iowa</i> —Union, 5. <i>Iowa City</i> —Washington, 1 65. 10 21	
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Greenup, 1; <i>Paris</i> , 70 cts. <i>Louisville</i> —Plumb Creek, 1. <i>Transylvania</i> —Bethel, 7. 9 70	
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn, Throop Avenue, 34 23. 34 23	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Grand Rapids</i> —Ionia, 19 65. 19 65	
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Red Wing, 1 58; <i>St. Paul</i> , House of Hope, 35 58; <i>Stillwater</i> , 2d, 1. 38 16	

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. H. H. Jessup, D.D., of the Mission in Syria, and the Rev. E. M. Wherry, of the Lodiana Mission, India, with their families, have arrived in this country. The Rev. A. Bushnell and his wife, of the Gaboon Mission, Africa, was in England last month, and will probably arrive here before this notice reaches our readers.

NEW CONVERTS.—The letters from the Missions received to the 15th of May, report two new members admitted by the Creek church; six, by the church of Yokohama; one, at a town within reach of Tungechow; five, by the church of Bangkok; eight, by the church of Lahor; two—an Armenian and a Mohammedan—by the church of Tabriz; five, by the church of Rio de Janeiro; and in Mexico, twelve are reported as received at Tampico, twelve at Vera Cruz, and twenty at Jalapa.

A NATIVE MINISTER DEPOSED.—Rev. Tsung Yuin Sing, pastor of a church in Chih-meh, China, was deposed from the ministry and excommunicated from the church for immoral conduct. His fall was a great disappointment and grief to the Presbytery and to the native church.

TORNADO IN CANTON.—A terrible storm passed over Canton, in April—cutting a narrow way directly through the city. It destroyed in a few minutes a great number of houses, a large amount of property, and not less than from 8,000 to 10,000 human lives—the exact number not ascertained at the date of our letters. Providentially the lives and houses of our missionaries and the lives of other foreign residents escaped the rage of the tornado, in some cases very narrowly. The poor heathen people were excited by this great calamity, to make new appeals to their idol gods.

DEATH OF AN AGED CONVERT IN SYRIA.—Deacon Elias Fuaz, the oldest Protestant in Syria, has entered into rest, at the age of seventy-five. He was an exemplary follower of our Saviour, and was held in high esteem. The memory of such a man is blessed.

AN EX-PRIEST LEFT FOR DEAD.—Mr. Dennis, of Beirut, writes “The converted monk, who has been harboured in the Abeih Seminary, was attacked by eight men in a room below Mr. Pond’s house, in his absence at night, and left for dead. His money was stolen. He survived, and there are hopes of his recovery. His former co-religionists did the deed. Rustum Pasha is doing his best to ferret out the perpetrators of the outrage.”

EDUCATION IN SIAM.—It is one of the signs of the times that the king of Siam should foster education among his people, and another, that he should desire the services of a missionary to superintend this work. He

has requested Mr. McFarland, of Petchaburi, to take the charge of it. The question of accepting this offer was not settled; if accepted, it would only be on such arrangement as would not compromise his missionary character and work.

SETTRA KROO RE-OCCUPIED.—Readers of our publications in 1839–1850 were familiar with the name of this station, in Liberia, between Sinou and Cape Palmas. Three of our devoted missionaries at this place were not allowed to continue by reason of death. Afterwards an Americo-Liberian teacher was employed there for a number of years, but without much encouragement. Lately the Rev. T. E. Dillon has removed to Settra Kroo, at the request of the Board. He speaks of some encouraging circumstances, amongst which is the memory still held in honor of the Rev. Messrs. Canfield, Alward and Sawyer.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Board, which was laid before the General Assembly in proof copies, having been approved, is now passing through the press. “A copy will be sent, as heretofore, to the session of each contributing church, addressed to its minister. To other church sessions, to honorary life members and directors, and to any friends, as far as practicable, who may wish to receive it, the Report will be sent with pleasure—if they will send for it their post office address.” The postage will be four cents per copy.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JUNE—TH.—From the Seneca Mission, May 24th; Chippewa, May 13th; Creek, June 6th; San Francisco, May 29th; Oakland, May 28th; Sacramento, May 24th; Yokohama, April 17th; Yedo, May 2d; Peking, April 2d; Tsinanfu, March 26th; Tungchow, March 29th; Shanghai, April 22d; Canton, April 20th; Bangkok, March 22d; Petchaburi, March 8th; Allahabad, April 27th; Mynpurie, April 11th; Furrukhabad, April 16th; Dehra, April 25th; Ambala, April 11th; Lodiana, April 18th; Lahor, May 7th; Rawal Pindi, May 7th; Teheran, April 18th; Tabriz, April 20th; Oroomiah, April 18th; Beirut, May 23d; Monrovia, April 2d; Rio de Janeiro, April 30th; Sao Paulo, May 8th; Talca, April 15th; San Felipe, March 20th; Merida, June 2d; Mexico, May 2d.

Receipts in May.

	From Churches.	Individual Donors.	Legacies.	Total.
1878.	\$5,470,	\$1,360,	\$149,	\$6,980.
1877.	6,795,	1,617,	2,794,	11,207.

A STATEMENT BY THE BOARD.

THE members of the Board of Foreign Missions and its executive officers request of the members of our Church, and especially of our Church Sessions, their consideration of the following statements concerning our foreign missionary interests:

I. The mission year ending May 1st, closed with a debt of over \$47,000, notwithstanding the fact that the expenditures of the year had been reduced by over \$12,000 from the amount expended in the preceeding year. The explanation of this result is, that the receipts of the Board from the churches were less than in the preceding year, and much less than was expected at the beginning of the year.

The estimates of expenses for the present year, as received from most of the missions, together with an estimate for all other expenses at the same rate as that of last year, make together over \$506,000, to which the debt is to be added, making in all over \$553,000. These estimates, let it be remembered, are prepared by brethren in the different missionary fields, specifying in detail the sums required in their judgment for the best fulfillment of their duties practically considered, that is, not such sums as they could well expend, but such as they hope to receive from the Church for the work in hand and its immediate advance.

In view of the inadequate receipts of the last two years, and of the financial situation at present, the Board has been compelled to reduce these estimates to a painful degree. The amount allowed for the present year is but \$429,148, or about \$476,000, including the debt. This is a smaller sum than is needed by over \$77,000. This reduced sum involves serious restriction of a work for Christ that is generally calling for enlargement. Schools must be limited. Buildings much needed must be deferred. Native helpers must be withdrawn or not engaged. Perhaps the support of the missionaries, not now too large, may have to be lessened, as is now the case at their own instance of the executive officers. The greatest discouragement is that of keeping here at home approved laborers already under appointment, unless special funds should be offered for sending them out. But these restrictions seem to be matters of necessity.

II. This necessity can be averted by an increase of the missionary funds at the disposal of the Board. Can this increase be obtained? The times are adverse to it. Many of the best friends of the Board can no longer give it the pecuniary support which they have been accustomed gladly to give. Others can give only smaller sums. Still there must be many others who could aid in supporting these missions. In our large cities, the reverses of business have been deeply felt, yet there are men of means whose liberal aid, if promptly given, would greatly relieve the treasury of the Board, especially in view of its having soon to borrow funds to carry the debt, and to meet the current expenses of the missions during the months when but few collections are made. In the agricultural districts of the country, it is believed that a largely increased support of this cause might be given, judging by the returns made to the missions of other denominations, especially by their friends in the great States of the Central West. If only *all* our Christian people would extend their help to this cause, each as God has prospered him, the present difficulties would be removed; a small weekly sum from every communicant would supply ample funds. Or if our Church Sessions would *all* give to the people under their watch and care the opportunity of aiding this work, and each of the brethren in the ministry would bring a special influence to bear in its behalf, it can hardly be doubted that sufficient means would soon be provided. It is respectfully, but earnestly, requested that these suggestions may receive kind and speedy consideration.

The state of the case is grave to a degree, but it is far from being hopeless. Continued falling off in the income of the Board can result only in one way, that of serious disaster to the missions. Already the work of re-

trenchment has begun. Already the question of giving up certain missions has been under consideration. Already the marching orders of approved men and women are held in suspense. Counsel was sought of the late General Assembly as to the duty of the Board in the present exigency; for the first time in many years no direction was given by that venerable body of ministers and elders to its official servants, as to their going forward in this sacred work for Christ. This question must now be referred to our people, the stewards of our Lord's treasures. Let it be considered and answered in faith and hope. A great work is in progress in many lands, amongst nations and tribes as yet unenlightened by the Gospel. Chosen men and women are stationed in these regions of spiritual darkness and death. Their work is well begun. Nor is it unworthy of note that our Church has invested not less than half a million of dollars in chapel and church buildings, school and dwelling houses, situated in many of these missions, of great service and even great economy in the prosecution of the work. Moreover, many other Providential circumstances have greatly favored these missions, almost without exception. But it is to their spiritual interests that our Christian people will chiefly look; and here they see signs of the blessing of God—in access gained; in Gospel-seed sown; in converts won; in churches gathered; in a good confession witnessed—even unto martyrdom in several instances; in a native Christian ministry gradually rising up for the work; above all, in the presence and blessing of our Saviour the Lord Jesus, who is still with his servants.

With these statements, the subject is commended to the prayers and sympathies of the ministers, elders, and members of our Church.

By order of the Board.

JOHN C. LOWRIE,	} <i>Secretaries.</i>
DAVID IRVING,	
F. F. ELLINWOOD,	
WILLIAM RANKIN, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

MISSION HOUSE, 23 CENTRE STREET. }
NEW YORK, *June 15, 1878.* }

FOUR YEARS' RECEIPTS.

Omitting moneys received from bequests, but including receipts from the churches, women's boards, Sabbath-schools, and miscellaneous donors, that is from the members of our body living in this world, on whose pecuniary support our work mainly depends, we have the following returns:—Reported in 1875, \$396,662; 1876, \$469,691; 1877, \$434,460; 1878, * \$378,768.

These returns show a considerable fluctuation, which is embarrassing to a work conducted in foreign countries or among alien people,—a work drawing as yet little support in the field. Still more embarrassing is the descending scale of the last two years. No one who studies these figures will be surprised to learn that the Board has felt constrained to enter on the painful work of reduction, as to which see the preceding article. It is indeed a painful work, but it seems to be necessary, and we hope it will be overruled for good. It would be prevented by an immediate and considerable increase of receipts.

* Not including the special gift of \$50,000 for the debt.

A SAD CASE OF DISCOURAGEMENT.

The Rev. H. Corbett writes as follows under date of March 22d, 1878, while on a visit in Chimeh, Shantung, China.

About six weeks ago I received a letter from the Elders here charging their pastor, Tsoong, with adultery. I came immediately and found a sad state of things. Two weeks later at a called meeting of Presbytery, after a great deal of testimony had been taken, Tsoong confessed, was deposed from the ministry and excluded from the church. There is sorrow in every Christian home here. It is the saddest experience I have met with in the mission work. I baptized Tsoong about thirteen years ago. He was constantly associated with me either as student or assistant until more than three years ago he was ordained and settled as pastor. He is a man of unusual gifts, and has exerted a powerful influence both among the Christians and the heathen. A number of the heathen drew up a paper stating what a loss it would be to them if Tsoong left, as he had often helped them to settle difficulties, prevented law-suits, reconciled enemies, and been useful to them in many ways,—and twenty men added their names offering to be security that Tsoong would do right in future if we would allow him to remain. God only has power to overrule this so that the cause of Christ shall not be hindered.

This case and a similar one which happened last year in Ningpo Presbytery deepens my conviction that we must at present depend mainly on the Mission Schools for securing a native ministry. However gifted a man may be and apparently pious, it is a great risk to put him into the ministry, if he has had an early heathen training. The crime of Tsoong is practised to a fearful extent in many parts of this land, and one to which he was given before he knew the truth of Christianity.

Since Tsoong has been removed and left this district, the Christians seem much more hopeful, and I trust grace will be given them to remain faithful unto the end. We have no man at present to fill the place of pastor. Notwithstanding this discouragement we still have cause for thankfulness. God is with us. Prayers have been answered, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners awakened. A score or more have applied for baptism, and others are inquiring. At our daily evening meetings for the Christians and inquirers there are always some present more or less anxious to learn. One old man recently sent for one of the Christians and told him he wanted to hear about the Saviour. They spent nearly the entire night in conversation. Some of the Christians are sorely tried by the opposition and persecution of their neighbors or families. Four men and their families have been turned out of their homes because they would not join in idol and ancestral worship at the New Year.

In some of the towns and villages visited, I have been unable to preach on account of reviling and opposition. In others I have met with much kindness and the people seemed glad to hear. Yesterday a man of eighty-three, who could not hear on the street, insisted on my going to his house, that he might talk and understand. You will not forget the work here in your prayers.

**A SUMMARY VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, MAY 1, 1878.**

MISSIONS.	STATIONS.	Mission Begun.	MINISTERS			LAY MISSIONARIES			SCHOLARS.					
			American.	NA-TIVE.	LICENTATE.	AMER-ICAN.	Native.	Communicants.	Board-ing.		Day.		TOTAL.	
									Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.		Boys.	Girls.
INDIAN TRIBES:														
SENECAS	Upper and Lower Cattaraugus and Alleghany, etc.....	1811	2	1	3	3	5	229	.....	.....	70	70		
CHIPPEWAS	Odanah.....	1846	1	1	.....	3	.....	58	11	11	30	21	73	
OMAHAS.....	Blackbird Hills.....	1846	1	.....	.....	1	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTAS.....	Yankton Agency & Flandreau	1835	2	1	.....	2	2	223	.....	.....	112	93	205	
CREEKS.....	Tallahassee.....	1849	1	.....	1	4	.....	42	40	40	.....	.....	80	
SEMINOLES.....	Wanuko.....	1849	1	.....	2	1	.....	84	12	.....	.....	.....	12	
NEZ PERCES	Lapwai and Kamia	1842	.....	.....	4	1	.....	670	.....	.....	12	.....	12	
	Total of Indian Missions....		8	3	10	.....	15	7	1348	63	51	154	184	452
MEXICO:														
	Five Stations and several Out-Stations.....	1872	5	.....	18	1	5	11	2619	.....	.....	182	113	295
	Total of Mexican Missions..		5	.....	18	1	5	11	2619	.....	.....	182	113	295
OUTH AMERICA:														
UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA	One Station.....	1856	1	.....	.....	2	1	20	.....	59	.....	.....	59	
BRAZIL.....	8 Stations & several Out-stat's	1859	6	4	.....	9	15	865	.....	34	170	152	356	
CHILL.....	Four Stations.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5	2	92	4	.....	36	20	60	
	Total of S. Amer. Missions..		12	4	.....	16	18	977	4	93	206	172	475	
AFRICA:														
LIBERIA.....	Eight Stations.....	1842	4	.....	.....	1	3	.....	266	19	.....	23	.....	42
GABOON AND CORISCO.....	Three Stations and Four Out-Stations.....	1842	4	1	.....	1	9	18	358	105	50	.....	14	169
	Total of African Missions...		8	1	.....	2	12	18	624	124	50	23	14	211
ASIA:														
INDIA:														
LODIANA.....	Ten Stations and Nine Out-Stations.....	1834	18	11	.....	.....	27	66	432	51	120	4212	1064	5447
FURRUKHABAD	Six Stations and Eight Out-Stations.....	1836	8	3	.....	11	68	313	14	21	1928	550	2513	
KOLAPOOR.....	Two Stations.....	1853	4	.....	1	3	12	57	.....	.....	58	118	176	
	Total of India Missions.....		30	14	1	.....	41	146	802	65	141	6198	1732	8136
SIAM:														
LAOS.....	Three Stations.....	1840	6	.....	2	.....	7	8	102	25	30	112	120	287
	One Station.....	1867	2	.....	.....	1	3	1	21	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total of Siam Missions.....		8	.....	2	1	10	9	123	25	30	112	120	287
CHINA:														
CANTON MISSION.....	One Station.....	1846	3	.....	10	1	8	18	266	14	43	52	168	277
NINGPO MISSION.....	Five Stations and several Out-Stations.....	1844	10	9	7	.....	13	37	650	32	35	93	69	229
SHANTUNG AND PEKING MISSION.....	Four Stations and several Out-Stations.....	1861	10	4	4	.....	13	18	600	42	27	30	25	124
	Total of China Missions.....		23	13	21	1	34	73	1516	88	105	175	262	630
CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.....	Two Stations.....	1851	2	.....	.....	1	6	5	107	.....	.....	157	.....	157
JAPAN:														
	Two Stations.....	1859	6	2	1	2	12	.....	477	.....	68	114	56	238
PERSIA:														
	Three Stations, 81 Out-Stat'ns	1834	10	15	43	.....	14	78	1134	24	38	900	280	1242
SYRIA:														
	Five Stations, 43 Out-Stations	1823	12	3	13	1	17	119	664	30	83	2717	983	4019
	<i>General Total.....</i>		124	55	109	9	181	484	10391	423	659	10938	3916	15906

PAYMENTS FOR THE MISSIONS, 1877-78.

In India, \$95,061.87; Siam and Laos, \$21,826.21; China, \$76,016.74; Chinese in California, \$13,963.03; Japan, \$24,841.46; Syria, \$55,816.25; Persia, \$42,478.76; Liberia, Africa, \$4,494.43; Gaboon and Corisco, \$9,805.61; U. S. Colombia, \$3,712.63; Brazil, \$38,194.01; Chili, \$9,139.94; Mexico, \$32,003.23; Indians—Chippewa, \$1,225.77; Omaha, \$925.00; Creek, \$1,858.31; Seminole, \$1,578.52; Seneca, \$2,168.49; Dakota, 3,273.95; Nez Percés, \$528.60; Papal Europe, France, Belgium, Geneva, Waldenses, 3,725.00; Total for the missions, \$442,637.81.

Foreign Missionary, 6,650 copies including those sent to ministers and donors, less receipts, \$3,200.24; Record, proportion of deficiency, \$1,278.92; Annual Report, 1877. 3,500 copies and postage, \$970.36; Printing letters, circulars, blanks, &c, \$179.50;—\$5,629.02.

Salaries of three Secretaries and Treasurer, [\$3,000, \$3,500, \$4,800, \$3,000,]—\$14,300. Clerk hire, \$3,525 00; Travelling expenses of Executive Officers, &c., \$398.88; Miscellaneous, Postages, Taxes, &c., \$1,657.22;—\$19,881.10.

General total, \$468,147.93.

Notes.—1. All of these payments have been verified by vouchers and duly audited.

2. In the case of several missions the payments do not show their exact annual cost, but only the amount paid to them during the year. Taking one year with another, however, these payments afford a correct idea of their annual expense.

3. The expense of the publications is usually regarded as returned to the donors; but salaries, clerk hire, travelling expenses, postages, taxes, &c., are to be taken as administrative. These charges amount to 4½ per cent. nearly. This, we think, is a moderate cost for conducting a work not only of considerable expenditure, but especially one of so many and such varied details, in countries and places mostly far distant.

WORK FOR THE PRESS.

In work for the press, Dr. Williamson is still engaged in translating the Scriptures. He writes: "Last year I translated about half of II. Chronicles, and spent most the time after that was finished in revising and correcting for the press II. Kings and I. Chronicles, and the translation of Esther and Job by Dr. Riggs." One of these books, II. Kings, is nearly ready for the printer, and I. Chronicles will be ready, it is expected, by the time the former is printed. For the Creeks and Seminoles new editions of the Creek Hymn-book, and of the First Reader, were printed, copies of which will be purchased and paid for by the Indians themselves.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN MAY, 1878.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—2d ch Albany, 537 85; Kingsboro ch, 25 50. *Troy*—Cambridge ch. 17 55. 580 90

ATLANTIC.—*East Florida*—1st Jacksonville ch. 14; 3d Jacksonville ch. 1. 15 00

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Barton Sab-sch., 10; Westminster ch Mission Sab-sch., 5. *New Castle*—1st ch Delaware City, 16 29; Snow Hill ch. 10; Sab-sch., 4=14. *Washington City*—Darnestown ch. 8; Falls ch Cottage Grove Sab-sch., 4 50. 57 79

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—McGrawville ch. 30 75. *Otsego*—Unadilla ch. 4. *St. Lawrence*—Ox Bow Sab-sch., 15. *Utica*—Oneida ch

Stephen H. Goodwin, 180; New York Mills ch. 56 50. 286 25

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Frankfort ch. 10. *Cincinnati*—2d ch Cincinnati, 11 72; 2d German ch Sab-sch., 10; Delhi ch. 3. *Dayton*—Harmony ch. 10; College Corner ch. 3. 47 72

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—North Springfield ch. 4; Euclid ave. ch a member, 2. *Mahoning*—1st ch Youngstown, 23 91; I. H. Wilson, Esq. 10 = 38 91; Coitsville ch. 3 38. *St. Clairsville*—Farmington ch. 4 15. *Steubenville*—Yellow Creek ch. 28; Bethesda ch. 10. 90 44

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Colorado Springs Sab-sch., 15; *Santa Fe*—Santa Fe ch. 5 56. *Utah*—Corinne ch. 10. 30 56

COLUMBUS.—Athens—Carthage ch. 3 40. *Zanesville*—2d ch Newark, 5. 8 40

ERIE.—Butler—Pine Grove ch. 36; Sab-sch., 19 = 55; Centre ch. 6 22; Westminster ch. 4; Butler ch. 3. *Clarion*—Callensburg Sab-sch., 9. *Erie*—Gravel Run ch. 8; Cambridge ch. 7. 92 22

GENEVA.—Geneva—Geneva ch. 23 47. *Steuben*—Corning ch. 13 20; Sab-sch., 25 = 33 20; Howard Sab-sch., 8. 69 67

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Middle Spring ch. 50; Sab-sch., for Tungechow sch 50 = 100; Centre ch. 10; Lower Path Valley ch. a member, 5; Green Hill ch. 5; Falling Spring ch. (Inft. sch.), 250. *Huntingdon*—1st ch Hollidaysburgh, 23 35; Sab-sch., 7 = 30 35; Perrysville ch. 20; Mifflintown ch. Sab-sch., 13 20. *Northumberland*—Mooresburgh ch. Ladies' Missionary Soc'y, 19 25; Mifflinburg ch. for Mexico, 1 50. 206 80

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Clinton ch. Mary L. Water's Memorial Class for Persian Burnt Brick fund, 11; Towanda Sab-sch., 4. *Schuyler*—Prairie City ch. 15. *Springfield*—Pisgah ch. 12. 42 00

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—1st ch Chicago, 50; 8th ch Chicago, 16 79; 1st ch Wilmington, 10. *Freeport*—1st ch. Sab-sch., Galena, for Debt, 42 23; German ch. Sab-sch., Galena, 8 65. *Rock River*—Rochelle ch. 12 45; Fulton Sab-sch., 3 96. 144 08

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Viriden ch. 22 47; (Sp. 3). 25 47

INDIANA NORTH.—*Logansport*—Lake Prairie ch. 11; 1st ch. Valparaiso, 10; Mishawaka ch. 6 60; Plymouth ch. 3 05. *Muncie*—Wabash ch. 9 25. 39 90

INDIANA SOUTH.—*New Albany*—1st ch. Sab-sch., New Albany, to sup., boy at Ningpo, 50; 1st ch. Sab-sch., Jeffersonville, to sup., boy at Saharanpur, 25; Walnut Ridge ch. 4; Pleasant Township ch. Sab-sch., 1. *Vincennes*—Petersburgh Sab-sch., 1 35. 81 35

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—1st ch Cedar Rapids, 250. *Dubuque*—Pleasant Grove ch. 5; Fairbanks ch. 2; Caldwell ch. 1; Wilson Grove ch. 1. *Fort Dodge*—Sac City ch. 2. 261

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Pilot Grove ch. 3 06. *Iowa*—1st ch Burlington, 7. 10 06

KANSAS.—*Austin*—St. Paul ch. Dallas, Texas, 7. *Emporia*—Rock Creek ch. 3. *Higland*—Highland Sab-sch., 3 20; Doniphan ch. 1; Wathena ch. 1. *Neosho*—Seminole ch. 4 85. *Topeka*—1st ch Topeka, 61 89. 81 94

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Paris ch 2 60; Sab-sch., for Dr. Nassau's work, 60 = 62 60; 2d ch Lexington, 25; Augusta ch. 10; Murphysville ch. 4 50. *Transylvania*—Bethel ch. 5; Richmond ch. 5. 112 10

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—1st ch Brooklyn, R. J. Dodge, Esq. 500; South 3d St. ch. Williamsburgh, 24 58; Mrs. Moore, 10 = 34 58; Throop ave., ch. 29 24. 1st ch Edgewater, 6. *Long Island*—Southold Sab-sch., 60. *Nassau*—Jamaica ch. 104; 1st ch. Sab-sch., Huntington, 50; Astoria ch. 13 60; Freeport ch. 3 15. 800 57

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—United ch. Sab-sch., Milford, for Bersia, 15. *Lansing*—1st ch. Lansing, 20. *Monroe*—Adrain ch. two members, 2. 37 00

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—St. Peter's ch. 11 25. *St. Paul*—House of Hope ch. St. Paul, 76 77; Red Wing ch. 8 47. *Winona*—Lake City ch. 4 85. 101 34

MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—2d ch Palmyra, 5. *Platte*—Martinsville ch. 3 25; Kings City ch. 3; Akron ch. 2. 13 25

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton ch. Sab-sch., 17 50; Roselle ch. 9 38; Sab-sch., 5 26 = 14 64. *Jersey City*—Englewood ch. Mo. con., 18 77; Tenafly ch. 11 84. *Monmouth*—Burlington ch. 45; Sab-sch., for Chefoo, China, 34 = 79; Farmingdale ch. 15. *Morris & Orange*—East Orange ch. 94 49; South Orange ch. 87 51. *Newark*—Park ch. 34 75; 1st ch. 31 78. *New Brunswick*—Prospect St. ch. Trenton, 27 64; Dutch Neck ch. 25; Stockton, ch. 5; Hamilton sq. ch. 4 82. *Newtown*—2d ch. Belvidere, 42 84; Asbury ch. 25;

Yellow Frame ch. 10; 2d ch. Sab-sch., Phillipsburg, 5. *West Jersey*—2d ch Bridgeton, 77 35; Clayton ch. Sab-sch., 13. 640 91

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Chester ch. 100; West Town ch. Sab-sch., for Syria, 10; Scotelstown ch. 6 57. *New York*—Brick ch Chapel, 13 51; Washington Heights ch. 12 62. *North River*—Union ch. Newburgh, 28 34. *Westchester*—New Rochelle ch. 135. 306 04

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—San Rafael ch. Ross Valley Sab-sch., 7 60; Tomales Sab-sch. 4 75. *San Francisco*—San Pablo ch. 5; West Berkeley ch. 3 20. *San Jose*—Cambria ch. Harmony, Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, 38 25; San Juan ch. 2 50. 61 30

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Honey Brook ch. 171 10; *Lehigh*—Mauch Chunk ch. 43 84; Hokendauqua ch. per Saml. Kinsey, 5. *Philadelphia*—Union ch. Sab-sch., 25. *Philadelphia Central*—1st ch Kensington, 215 60; Cohocksink ch. 84 16. *Philadelphia, North*—Morrisville ch. 2; Kev. G. K. Moore, 1. 547 70

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Greenbush ch. 1 90; Manor Station ch. 1. *Pittsburgh*—Shady Side ch. 69 87; Chartiers ch. 18 02; Sab-sch., 13 08 = 31 10; East Liberty ch. 27; Millers Run ch. 6. *Redstone*—Laurel Hill ch. David A. C. Sherrard, 200; 1st ch Scottdale, 20; Uniontown Sab-sch., 15; Dunlap Sab-sch., for Benita, 10. *Washington*—Washington ch. 8 88. 390 75

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Bethel ch. 4. *Union*—Shiloh ch. 1. 5 00

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine ch. 9 80; Bucyrus ch. 6 73; West Liberty ch. 3 55. *Lima*—West Union ch. 6. 26 08

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Connewango ch. 3. *Niagara*—Wilson ch. 15; 2d Ward ch. Lockport, 5. *Rochester*—3d ch. Sab-sch., Rochester, 101 37; Central ch Rochester, 72 37; 1st Genesee ch. 21; Mendon ch. 13; Lima ch. 4 23. 234 97

WISCONSIN.—*Lake Superior*—Oconto ch. 10. *Wisconsin River*—Lodi ch. 2 25. 12 25

Ladies' Board of Missions for the South-west..... 10 00
Total receipts from churches in May 1878..... \$5470 81

LEGACIES.

Legacy of Wm. Van Doren, Sutton, dec'd, St. Clairsville, Ohio..... 100 00
Legacy of Saml. Teller, dec'd..... 49 75
\$149 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Presbyterian Lady, 25; Mrs. A. Ticknor, Jewett, N. Y., 10; Jennie Ellis, 25 cts.; Clara and Grace Goorley, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, for Tungechow sch. 5; R. N. 1; Miss N. W. Clark, 10; Miss Henry, Brooklyn, 2 50; Rev. L. M. Stevens, Mich., 10; A friend for India and China, 1 000; "Tithes" to sup., youth in Gaboon, 5 78; E. G. W. for debt, 10; Soc'y of Inquiry, Theol. Seminary, N. Y., 4; Rev. S. H. Williams, 2; S. M. Hawley, Putnamville, Ind., 2; Mrs. S. C. Whitaker, Eminence, Ind., 1 60; Cash, 50; Talks to my Bible Class, 5; Saml. Miller, for "God's Work," 10 67; A Friend, per Rev. S. L. Johnson, Harmony, Pa., 5; "N." 1; R. and R., 2 35; C. Ohio, 17 39; Lenox Collegiate Inst., Iowa, 4 50; Rev. A. H. Allen, 5; A. Porter, 2; J. H. and A. Stewart, Green Castle, Pa., 100; Alex. Brownley, Orange Valley, N. J., 10; R. C., Phila., 5; S. B. P., 2; Reader of *Presbyterian*, 1; T. B. Venice, Ohio, 50. 1,360 04

Total Receipts in May, 1878..... 6,930 60
Receipts from Sab-sch., May, 1878..... 799 47

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MAY, 1878.

On Monday, May 20th, the Standing Committee of the General Assembly on Publication presented its Report. The Rev. William E. Schenck, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, then addressed the Assembly, and the Report, after discussion, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Publication, having examined said report, are happy to state to the General Assembly :

First. That this Board, through their constituted agencies, appear to have prosecuted with diligence, faithfulness and skill, during the past year, the very important work committed to their care. In view of the continued and severe stringency in the fiscal condition of the country, and the consequent depression of all branches of business, it was to be expected that this Board would find its affairs affected by this cause. And no doubt greater results would have been attained but for this hindrance. Yet the Committee are happy to discover that more progress has been made than, under the circumstances, it would be reasonable to expect. Both in sales of its publications and in contributions from the churches, their resources have fallen short of what, under a different state of things, would have been realized ; yet the course of the Board has been onward, and much has been accomplished, in the dissemination of truth, by means of the printed page. Many new and valuable publications have been added to their already extensive catalogue. The books and tracts circulated are found all over the land, silent but effective protestants against error, and pleaders for the truth of God.

As the report of the Board gives, with minuteness of detail, and fullness and accuracy of figures, a statement of the work of the year, your Committee deem it unnecessary to burden this report with a full recapitulation of the same. Indeed it has occurred to your Committee that the report of the Board is perhaps more detailed and explicit than business wisdom and tact would demand : for this Board competes with other publishing houses in the country : and it may be a question of expediency to what extent it is wise to lay bare before the business public a statement of all the details of their operations. But the fact that this Board has always done this is a proof and pledge of their faithfulness in executing their trust ; and, in these days of defalcation, is worthy of commendation.

The Committee will not detain the Assembly with a rehearsal of the work of this Board, as the members have the Report in their hands ; and we will be content with calling the attention of the Assembly to the importance of the several departments of the work committed to it.

Its publications consist of volumes, tracts, and periodicals. There have been added to the catalogue the last year some twelve new books, and five new tracts have been added. The *Presbyterian at Work*, the *Westminster Lesson Leaf*, the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, the *Sunbeam*, and the *Presbyterian Record* comprise their periodicals. And if the Presbyteries, the pastors and the sessions of our churches, together with the gospel-loving and enterprising men and women of our congregations would actively co-operate with this Board, no human arithmetic could measure the good which might result. In view of the fact that "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience," is, at the present day, employing, with peculiar malignity and vigor, the power of the press, in disseminating error in doctrine, and the vilest impurity of morals—that

his agents are spreading broadcast over the land, through the post-office, through the newsboys on the streets, and in the cars and other places, obscene and debauching prints and publications; and that the family, the counting-room, the work-shop, the schools and seminaries, are invaded by this instrumentality of evil, stealthily and diligently disseminated, it becomes the Church to counteract this dire evil, by providing and distributing a pure and attractive Christian literature.

The work of the Board is divided into the departments of Publication, Distribution, and Sabbath-school and Missionary Work; and the members of the General Assembly will find in the report full and satisfactory details of the operations of the Board in each department, all of which are increasing in interest and extent. Your Committee, in view of the fact that this report will be sent to every minister in our Church, refrain from entering upon details, and after congratulating the Assembly and the Church at large upon the success and growing power and importance of this arm of the Church's grand forces, present for the consideration of the General Assembly, the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1st—That the pastors, sessions, and people of our several congregations be affectionately and earnestly urged to appreciate the value of the Christian literature supplied by this Board, to procure for their families and Sabbath-schools a supply of the same, and to contribute more liberally to its Missionary and Colportage Fund so that its publications may be more widely distributed, and the indigent be gratuitously supplied.

2.—That the Assembly recognize with peculiar gratification and approval the Missionary and Sabbath-school work of the Board, and recommend to all our Presbyteries, sessions, and people, and especially to our Sabbath-school laborers, to co-operate with the Board in this branch of its work, and with a spirit loyal to our own denomination, to prefer the publications and missionaries of our own to those of other organizations. And the editors of our publications are urged to continue to make them as lively and attractive as those issued by other houses.

3d.—That the Assembly approve of the appointment of the Rev. James A. Worden, as General Superintendent of Sabbath-school work, and anticipate much benefit from the judicious performance of the functions of that office.

4th.—That it be earnestly requested of the Sabbath-schools of our Church to contribute at least once every year to the Sabbath-school and Missionary Department of this Board.

5th.—That the Assembly solemnly remind the churches in our connection that Church discipline, in the Scriptural sense, includes not only the reformation of offenders, and the removal of scandals, but also the prevention of offences by the proper instruction and training of the children of the Church in knowledge and godliness, and that to this end it is the duty of pastors and sessions to take authoritative supervision of the instruction of youth, so far as to see to it that the baptized children of the Church are properly educated in the family and the Sabbath-school—so that the Sabbath-school exercises shall be considered a part of church work and the children be more distinctly recognized and treated as belonging to the congregation of the Lord. With a view to this, it is recommended that in all our Sabbath-schools, Superintendents be chosen or appointed subject to the approval of the church session, and that the pastor and session visit, encourage, and, if need be, work in the Sabbath-school, and that in congregations where the Shorter Catechism is neglected, it be introduced and used with due prominence.

6th.—It is recommended that each Presbytery appoint a committee or a presbyterial superintendent, whose duty it shall be to oversee and encourage, as far as may be, the Sabbath-schools in the bounds of the Presbytery, and especially to take order for collecting and transmitting to the General Superintendent the statistics of each school; and with a view to this part of the work, the General Superintendent is requested to furnish blank statistical tables.

7th.—That in pursuance of a resolution of the Board, adopted on the 14th inst., transmitted to this Assembly, and referred to this Committee, it be ordered that, in view of the fact that the sale of the Psalm and Hymn Books used severally by the two branches of the Church previous to the reunion has almost entirely ceased, the Board be authorized to cancel and dispose of the plates from which they have been printed—there being enough of these books on hand to meet any probable call for them.

8th.—The operations of this Board for the past year have the cordial approval of this Assembly.

The Committee recommend the re-election of these members of the Board whose term expires, except the Rev. Daniel March, D. D., who has removed from Philadelphia to Massachusetts, in whose stead the Rev. Wm. E. Jones, D. D., is recommended. It is also recommended that Wm. L. Mactier and T. Charlton Henry, Esq., be appointed to fill the vacancies occasioned by the deaths of James Ross Snowden, LL.D., and Wm. J. McElroy, Esq., and Wm. Adamson to take the place of H. Lenox Hodge, M. D.

The Assembly having referred to this Committee the subject of publishing, by the Board of Publication, in pamphlet form, the statistics and other information in regard to the work among the Germans of this country, the Committee expresses the opinion that the proposed publication ought to be made; but inasmuch as this work more properly belongs to the Board of Home Missions, the Committee recommends that the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Publication be directed to confer with each other, and be authorized to publish the aforesaid matter at the equal joint expense of the two Boards. The Report was amended by the adoption of the following additional resolutions:

9th.—That it be enjoined upon the Board of Publication to publish tracts and books in foreign languages, to prevent and cure intemperance in intoxicating drinks, and to increase those on that subject in the English language.

10th.—That the Board be directed to prepare a brief manual on the Roman Catholic controversy for circulation among the Freedmen.

RECEIPTS FOR MISSION WORK OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION IN MAY, 1878.

✠ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Esperance, 4 10; Galway, 3 40; Princetown, 6 75. *Champlain*—Chateaugay, 6; Essex, 8. *Troy*, Cambridge, 13 16 41 41

ATLANTIC.—*Yadkin*—Carthage, 3 75; Greensboro, 70 cts. 4 43

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Deer Creek (Harmony), 12. *New Castle*—Rock, 5; Zion, 15. 32 00

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Cannonsville ch, 7; Nichols, 3 80. *St. Lawrence*—Hammond, 6; Morristown, 3 81; Waddington, 6 64. *Syracuse*—Hannibal, 5; Marcellus, 16; Pompey, 5; Syracuse, Park Central, 25. *Utica*—Augusta, 3; Clayville, 3; Oneida, 25 38; Utica, 1st, 37 48; Utica, Bethany, 57 88. 213 69

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cincinnati, Avondale, 34 60; Lebanon, 12 21. *Duyton*—Clifton, 35 40; College Corner, 2; Franklin, 9; Harmony, 6; South Charleston, 10. *Portsmouth*—

Georgetown, 3 20; Greenbrier, German, 1; Jackson, 11 10; Portsmouth, German, 4; Red Oak, 4 50; Sardinia, 2 50. 135 51

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Akron, 3; Willoughby, 1. *Mahoning*—Coitsville, 1. *Steubenville*—Amsterdam, 2; Annapolis, 5; Bloomfield, 3 60; Cross Creek, 4 25; Madison, 3; Oak Ridge, 4 65; Unionport, 3. 30 50

COLORADO.—*Utah*—Corinne, 3. 3 00

COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Dublin, 5; Lancaster, 4 75; Midway, 1 65; Mt. Sterling, 2 10; Worthington 5. *Marion*—Berlin, 2 30; Liberty, 4; Marysville, 7; Mt. Gilead, 10 12; West Berlin, 3. *Wooster*—Ashland, 24; Belleville, 7 50; Bethel 3; Clear Fork, 3 75; Haysville, 4 86; Orange, 3 60; West Salem, 3 03. *Zanesville*—Chandlersville, 5; Jefferson, 2. 101 66

ERIC.—*Eric*—Emsworth, 7; Glenfield, 2 25; Pleasant Hill, 3; Sewickley, 22 07. *Butler*—Butler, 19 40; Centre; 79 cts.; Fairview, 3; Mount Nebo,

476; Plain Grove, 6; Sunbury, 450; Zelenople, 2. *Clarion*—Licking, 4 42; Oak Grove, 3; Pisgah, 5; Worthville, 1; West Millville, 2 50. *Erie*—Franklin, 18; Girard, 12 73; Harbor Creek, 4; Springfield, 2. *Kittanning*—Boiling Spring, 2 50; Clinton, 3; Gilgal, 2; Plumville, 2; Rural Valley, 5. 141 92

GENEVA.—*Geneva*—Canoga, 4; Phelps, 13; Romulus, 8. *Steuben*—Corning, 1 38. 26 38

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Dickinson, 4; Gettysburgh, 4 60; Green Hill, 3; Mechanicsburgh, 6 33; Paxton, 13 03. *Huntingdon*—Altoona, 1st, 34 91; Huntingdon, 27 66; Lower Spruce Creek, 8; Perrysville, 10; West Kishacoquillas, 30. *Northumberland*—Mahoning, 3 62; Washington, 4 25. *Wellsboro*—Allegany, 1; Coudersport, 4; Covington, 4. 158 40

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Danville, 20 94; Waynesville, 2 30. *Peoria*—Ipava, 10. *Schuyler*—Camp Creek, 5; Prairie City, 13. *Springfield*—Farmington, 5; Jacksonville, Westminster, 13. 69 24

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Freeport*—Freeport, 2d, 4; Linn, 3; Marengo, 12 30; Middle Creek, 5 60. *Ottawa*—Rochelle, 5; Union Grove, 4 38. *Rock River*—Geneseo, 2 70; Hamlet, 5; Munson, 5; Woodhull, 10. 56 98

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Edwardsville, 3 30; Hillsboro, 5 85; Virden, 2 45; Waveland, 2. *Cairo*—Bridgeport, 2; Pisgah, 5; Union, 2. 22 60

INDIANA, NORTH, *Crawfordsville*—Thorntown, 3 80. *Fort Wayne*—Kendallville, 6 20; La Grange, 4; Larwill, 106; Pleasant Grove, 103. *Logansport*—Michigan City, 5 30; Plymouth, 39 cts. *Muncie*—Hopewell, 1; Noblesville, 5; Portland, 3; Tipton, 3; Wabash, 1 17. 34 95

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell, 7 59; Indianapolis, 11th, (of which Sab-sch., 1), 2 25. *Vincennes*—Claiborne, 3 50; Evansville, Grace, 12; Graysville, 3; Sullivan, 6; *White Water*—Hopewell, 1; Lawrenceburgh, 2; Versailles, 1. 38 34

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Big Grove, 84 cts.; Garrison, 1 66; Mechanicsville, 5 53; Wheatland, 5. *Dubuque*—Pleasant Grove, 1; Sherrill's Mound, 3 35; Wilson's Grove, 1. *Fort Dodge*—Fort Dodge, 5; Sac City, 1. 24 38

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Corning, 7 55; Missouri Valley, 3 56. *Des Moines*—Chariton, 3 12; Moulton, 1 60; Unionville, 1 40; Winter-set, 8. *Iowa*—Birmingham, 2 61; Bloomfield, 1 90; New London, 3; Union, 3. *Iowa City*—Tipton, 12; Washington, 1 12. 48 86

KANSAS.—*Larned*—Lyons ch 2 64. *Neosho*—Fort Scott, 15; Garnett, 6 84. *Topeka*—Olathe, 3. 27 48

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Paris, 3 35. *Louisville*—Plumb Creek, 1. 4 35

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn, South 3d St., 28 18. *Long Island*—Moriches, 13. 41 18

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Plymouth, First, 7 16. *Kalamazoo*—Constantine, 5. *Monroe*—Tecumseh, 12 05. *Saginaw*—East Saginaw, 9 21. 33 42

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Belle Plaine, 1 17; Jordan, 1 30; Minneapolis, 1st, 10; Minneapolis, Andrew, 8; Red Wing, 1 07; Rev. F. J. Stanley and wife, 1. *Winona*—Holland Ebenezer, (Greenleaf), 1 50. 24 04

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Nevada, 4 50. *Platte*—Akron, 1; Carrollton, 4; Martinsville, 90 cts. *St. Louis*—Bethel, German, 4. 14 40

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Beatrice, 5; Humboldt, 2 11; Nebraska City, 5; Tecumseh, 2 25. *Omaha*—Schuyler, 4. 18 36

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge, 17; Elizabeth, German, 1 50; Roselle, 1st, (of which Sab-sch., 66 cts.), 1 85. *Jersey City*—Hackensack, 1 55; Jersey City, 3d, 1; Tenafly, 1 49. *Monmouth*—Jacksonville, 3 20; Mount Holly ch from Dr. E. K. Bancroft, 5 18; Tom's River, 4. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 1 70; Morris Plains, 2; Orange, 1st, 21 50. *Newark*—Newark Park, 4 38; Newark, South Park, 38 63. *New Brunswick*—Amwell, 2d, 8; Bound Brook, 9 56; Hamilton Square, 3 54; Stockton, 1; Titusville, 5 49; Trenton, 5th, 2 90. *Newton*—Yellow Frame, 1 25. *West Jersey*—Bridgeton, West, 15 50;

Camden, 1st, 42 09; Camden, 2d, 16; Cedarville, 2d, 2 50; Salem, 29 50; Woodbury, 7 55. 249 86
NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Litchfield, 2; Newburyport, 1st, of which 16 25, from the Ladies' Western College Soc'y, 31 25. *Hudson*—Centre-ville, 4; Goshen, 20 39; Hamptonburgh, 12; Port Jervis, 20; Scotchtown, 8 1/2 cts.; White Lake, 3 15. *North River*—Pleasant Plain, 4 31. *Westchester*—Mt. Kisco, 10 30; New Rochelle, 20; Rye, 40. 168 23

PACIFIC.—*San José*—Livermore, 2. 2 00
PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Bryn Mawr, 17 23; Darby, 1st, 5 25; Downingtown, Central, of which \$1 for Spanish Tracts, 10; Oxford, 27 60; Phoenixville, 2 82; West Chester, 10. *Lackawanna*—Scranton, Green Ridge ave, 13; Tunkhannock, 7 31; Wilkesbarre, Memorial, 8 39. *Lehigh*—Mauch Chunk, 56 51. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, 1st, 138 77; Philadelphia, 2d, 47 68; Philadelphia, Calvary, 191 84. *Phila. Central*—Philadelphia, Alexander ch., Sab-sch., 35; Philadelphia, Kensington, 21; Philadelphia, Spring Garden, 15 51. *Phila. North*—Germantown, Wakefield ch. Sab-sch., 50; Thompson Memorial, 7. *Westminster*—York, 75 12. 740 03

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Greensburg, 16 50; Harrison City, 2; Johnstown, 12; Latrobe, 5; Ligonier and Pleasant Grove, 1; Unity, 14 25; Verona, 10. *Pittsburgh*—Amity, 3; Birmingham, 1st, 2 25; Canonsburgh, 13 28; East Liberty, 6; Hebron, 3; Lawrenceville, 10; Lebanon, 17; Mount Carmel, 3; Pittsburgh, Grace Memorial, 1; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 13 97; Pittsburgh, Westminster, 10; Swissvale, 2; Valley, 1. *Redstone*—Laurel Hill, 11 45; Mount Pleasant, 20. *Washington*—Cross Creek, 8; Frankfort, 8 08; Moundsville, 3 23; Mount Pleasant, 2; Wellsburgh, 7 46. *West Virginia*—Grafton, 5. 211 47

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Elizabethton, 2 90. *Kingston*—Bethel, 3 90. *Union*—Shiloh, 1 70

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 1 23; Bucyrus, 59 cts.; Marselles, 2 75; Urbana, 8 25; West Liberty, 45 cts. *Huron*—McCutcheonville, 2. *Lima*—Riley Creek, 3 17. *Maumee*—Maumee, 14; Toledo, 1st, 7 50; Toledo, 1st, German, 2; Tontogony, 5. 46 94

WEST NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Alden, 5 50; Silver Creek, 10. *Niagara*—Wilson, 5. *Rochester*—Dansville, 20; Lima, 53 cts.; Rochester, 3d, 19 45; Sparta, 1st, 5. 65 48

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Pike Grove, 6. *Winnebago*—Juneau, 8 35. *Wisconsin River*—Baraboo, 3; Fancy Creek, 2 30; Hazel Green, 2 80; Lodi, 9; Richland City, 1 20. 32 65

From churches.....\$2,871 96
MISCELLANEOUS.—Gulielmus Wing, Esq., Syracuse, N. Y., 30; John W. Scott, Esq., Phila. Pa., 30; "C," Ohio, 2 20; "C. A. B." Mount Holly, N. J., 5. ... 67 20

Total.....\$2,939 16
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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The Committee on Church Erection beg leave respectfully to present the following report:

There have been referred to your Committee the minutes of the Board of Church Erection and also its Eighth Annual Report. The former of these are found upon examination to be accurately kept, and we therefore recommend their approval. The latter presents a summary of the operations of the Board during the past year and elicits our hearty commendation.

An analysis of our work as a church, discloses the urgent need of some agency charged with duties and responsibilities akin to those devolved upon the Board to Church Erection. If the Home Mission work is to be prosecuted with vigor and success, there must be some method for supplementing with material aid for Church Erection the spiritual organization effected with a view to Church Extension. Many new churches are liable to languish and die for lack of a suitable sanctuary in which to worship, and in not a few instances the money expended for projecting these enterprises would be practically lost to the church but for the aid vouchsafed by this Board in giving them a local habitation as well as a name.

The work of the Board during the past year has been prosecuted in accordance with its previous policy, and has been attended with *signal success*. Applications for aid have been received from 243 churches asking for appropriations, to the amount of \$142,500.

Although all of these applications have not been reached, nevertheless liberal aid has been given to 149 churches, under the care of 87 Presbyteries, scattered over 28 States and Territories. Add to these the 48 churches not completed at the beginning of the fiscal year, and it will be seen that the Board has helped in the erection of 194 churches since the date of the last Annual Report.

In several cases this aid has been given to churches on the very verge of extinction, and in at least a dozen instances has prevented the sale of valuable church property or has redeemed it after having been sold by the sheriff. The responses given by the churches thus aided, have been overflowing with gratitude, and in some cases are couched in language exceedingly tender and touching. It is a commendable characteristic of the work of this Board that it never incurs debt. The other great agencies of the church must necessarily operate upon a different basis. They have men and women to support, and sometimes families as well. In the nature of the case, therefore, they cannot stop their expenditures when their receipts begin to decrease. The Board of Church Erection, however, appropriates only the money it receives. It has neither loans nor interest to pay, and in the judgment of your Committee its policy in this respect is to be approved. It is also an excellent feature of the system adopted by the Board that it insists upon having insured all the church edifices to whose erection it has contributed. Already there is a total of insurance held by this Board of \$522,887, and the experience of the past warrants the continuance of the course thus prescribed and pursued. There is one other phase of the Board's work which your Committee desire to emphasize and commend. A series of plans and specifications for church edifices has been prepared for the Board under the direction of experienced architects—lithographic copies of which may be had for

§5. These plans, if furnished afresh, would cost from \$100 to \$150, and hence, by availing themselves of the agency of the Board, churches desiring to build a house of worship may save quite a considerable sum of money. Nor is that all; these designs are prepared with a view to architectural taste and effect. They aim to secure for congregations who adopt them, church buildings that shall gratify and develop the esthetic element in their natures, and considering the advantages thus attained, this phase of the policy of the Board merits, as your Committee thinks, the most decided endorsement. Such, then, is the work which the Board of Church Erection has undertaken to do in behalf of our church. To its successful accomplishment, however, certain perquisites are absolutely essential, and these your Committee feel constrained to urge upon the attention of the General Assembly, and through it upon the entire church. Beyond all question there is needed, on the part of the whole denomination, a warm-hearted sympathy with an interest in the work of the Board, manifesting itself in the form of a more liberal contribution to its resources. (*The rest of this Report next month.*)

RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN MAY, 1878.

- ALBANY.—*Albany*—West Troy, 1st, 10.
 ATLANTIC.—*East Florida*—Jacksonville, 1st, 4; Jacksonville, 3d, 1.
 BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Rock, 10; Snow Hill, 5; Zion, 15.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Otsego*—Unadilla, 4. *Syracuse*—Cazenovia, 1st, (Sp.), 43 20; Hannibal, 1st, 8. *Utica*—Clinton, 23 13; Waterville, 1st, 4 90.
 CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—North Fork, 7 74. *Dayton*—College Corner, 2; Harmony, 6. *Portsmouth*—Green Brier, German, 1; Portsmouth, German, 4.
 CLEVELAND.—*Mahoning*—Coitsville, 1; Mineral Ridge, 1st, 2.
 COLUMBIA.—*South Oregon*—Ashland, 2.
 COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Marietta, 4th St, 10.
 ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny, 1st, German, 4; Emsworth, (Sp.), 7; Pine Creek, 1st, (Sp.), 5. *Butler*—Allegheny, 2; Centre, 1 55; Fairview, 6; Jefferson Centre, Ger. 1; Pine Grove, 10. *Clarion*—Worthville, 1. *Kittanning*—Boiling Spring, 2 50; Clinton, 3; Gilgal, 2; Lawrenceburg, 8; Mt. Pleasant, 2; Rockbridge, 2; Washington, 5. *Shenango*—Beaver Falls, 16; Neshannock, 13.
 GENEVA.—*Geneva*—Geneva, 1st, 16 89. *Lyons*—Galen, 12 50. *Steuben*—Corning, 2 75.
 HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Big Spring, 19 68; Centre, 5. *Huntingdon*—Perrysville, 20; Mt. Olive, 25 cts.
 ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Schuyler*—Kirkwood, 6; Prairie City, 5.
 ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plainview, (Sp.), 5; Spring Cove, (Sp.), 3; Virden, 4 89. *Cairo*—Enfield, 7 95. *Mattoon*—Morrisonville, 5 70.
 INDIANA, NORTH.—*Logansport*—La Porte, 20 14; Plymouth, 76 cts. *Muncie*—Wabash, 2 31.
 INDIANA, SOUTH.—*White Water*—Versailles, 2.
 IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Watkins, 2. *Dubuque*—Pleasant Grove, 2; Wilson's Grove, 1. *Fort Dodge*—Sac City, 2.
 IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Pleasant Ridge, 1; Shenandoah, 5 50. *Iowa City*—Washington, 2 22.
 KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Rock Creek, 1 45. *Larned*—Larned, 5. *Topeka*—Fairmount, 4.
 KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Flemingsburg, 6 75; Maysville, 2 25; Murphysville, 6; Paris, 65. *Louisville*—Plum Creek, 1; Shelbyville, 1st, 6 50.
 LONG ISLAND.—*Nassau*—Newtown, 20.
 MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit, Jefferson ave, 40.
 MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Worthington, Westminster, 6. *St. Paul*—Red Wing, 2 12; St. Paul's, Dayton ave, 3 37; St. Paul House of Hope, 37 55. *Winoona*—Hokah, 2.
 MISSOURI.—*Ozark*—Buffalo, 1 55. *Platte*—Akron, 3; King City, 1; Martinsville, 50 cts.; Union, 6.
 NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—Grand Island, 5; Wood River, 1; Gibbon, 2.
 NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth, 1st, 140 95; Roselle, 1st, ch and Sab-sch., 3 66. *Jersey City*—Jersey City, Bergen, 1st, 25; Rutherford Park, 4 04; Tenafly, 3 96. *Monmouth*—Columbus, 1 37; Farmingdale, 5; Manchester, 3; Plattsburgh, 2 12. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 3 38. *Newark*—Newark Park, 8 69. *New Brunswick*—Stockton, 1; Newton—Yellow Frame, 2 50.
 NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Scotchtown, 1 64. *Westchester*—New Rochelle, 30.
 PACIFIC.—*Sacramento*—Placerville, 2 50. *San Jose*—Menlo Park, 13 25.
 PHILADELPHIA.—*Lehigh*—Pottsville, 2d, 2 50. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, 15th, 1. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Trinity, 5; Philadelphia, Richmond, 2.
 PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Salem, 4 50. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty, 1st, 11; Hebron, 2; Lawrenceville, 10; Lebanon, 17; Mount Carmel, 3; Pittsburgh, 4th, 5; Pittsburgh, 6th, 24 50; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 27 95; Swissvale, 2; Valley, 2; Westminster, 8. *Redstone*—Green-boro, 1; Uniontown, 56 20. *Washington*—Frankfort, 5 50; Mount Pleasant, 2; *West Virginia*, Buckhannon, 1; Weston, 1.
 TENNESSEE.—*Union*—Shiloh, 1.
 TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 2 45; Bucyrus, 1 18; West Liberty, 88 cts.
 WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Niagara*—Wilson, 5. *Rochester*—Lima, 1 06; Sparta, 1st, 5.
 WISCONSIN.—*Wisconsin River*—Prairie du Sac, 11 84.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Proceeds of sale of Cannelton	
Ch. New Albany Pby, Ind.	43 50
"A friend."	1 00
Sale of lots in Lyons, Iowa, less expense	93 75
"C." Ohio	4 34
"L."	1,000 00
Interest	555 00

Total receipts for May..... \$2,747 96

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BOARD OF RELIEF FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEE,
MAY 18, 1878.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times and the consequent embarrassment of many of its warmest friends and supporters, no year since the plan of relief was inaugurated has been so signalized by free-will offerings as this. One hundred and thirty-eight churches more than the previous year have contributed to this cause. "It seems, indeed," following the language of the Annual Report, "like the response of ancient Israel to the voice of God: 'Bring me an offering; of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, shall ye take my offering.'"

The increase in the number of contributing churches is not yet sufficiently great to supply the Board with adequate means to carry on its work as it should. On account of the cutting off or curtailment of the small means upon which many of our ministers and their families have been subsisting for years, and of the breaking down of health by care, hard work and sickness, sixty-four new cases have presented their claims during the year. Of these forty are ministers, twenty-two widows, and two orphans. It is a state of things that should call out the sympathy, the pecuniary aid and the prayers of the church. No class of men call for deeper sympathy than ministers who have been laid aside from their work by sickness or old age. They love to preach the Gospel and watch for souls, but they are prevented from both by age or illness. It is hard to accept the situation and say, "Thy will be done." Such need not only sympathy, but often material aid. Pride and sensitiveness rebel against the *appearance* of charity, though the appropriations of the Board are in no sense that. Some of them would rather enter into some secular calling, but they are disqualified for that by their profession, and looked upon with suspicion by the world when they attempt it. Hence, they are shut up to want, or the kind aid of this Board. The daily prayers of God's people should be offered for these veterans, laid aside for a time, if not altogether, that they may have grace given them to suffer the will of God.

It is exceedingly encouraging to the committee to be told that eighteen of those now aided will ask for nothing this year. Four ministers have been sufficiently restored to health to re-enter the pulpit. If the Board is blessed only in restoring one or two useful ministers yearly to their work of saving souls, it is answering a noble end.

The whole number of families on the roll of the Board during last year was about four hundred—one hundred and fifty-two ministers, two hundred and nineteen widows, and twenty-two orphans—embracing over one thousand five hundred persons. The Committee regret to find Presbyteries supposed to be wealthy, and known to be large contributors to other objects, drawing more out of the treasury of this Board than they put in. Presbyteries should be urged to see that their churches contribute their full proportion to this needy and worthy cause.

The permanent fund was increased last year \$14,663, of which \$10,000 was given by the residuary legatees of the late John C. Green, Esq., of New York. The contributions of the churches amounted to \$67,513. Increased liberality for the future is necessary if the work is to be efficiently carried forward. Forty boxes, partly of clothing and partly of

other articles of comfort, amounting to \$6,000, were sent this year by the churches and ladies' associations to disabled ministers and destitute widows and orphans.

The Board closed the year with \$226 in the treasury. The Church should not infer from this that it has had all the means needed to carry on its work, or that it has not shared in the difficulty of the times. It has had to cut down its appropriations beyond what is right and just in many cases, but as they do not borrow money, nor run in debt, they were compelled to do this. The Church should not allow its noble pioneers and devoted veterans to suffer after giving the best of their days to the advancement of the cause of Christ.

This Board has been managed with great fidelity, impartiality and zeal. It has used what funds the Church has put in its power with singular prudence and care.

WM. C. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*

[Three months of the financial year are gone. July 1st shows an empty treasury, with loud calls from applicants for EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. Who will help?]

RECEIPTS FOR BOARD OF RELIEF IN MAY, 1878.

ALBANY.—Troy—Troy, Memorial, 8 50.	8 50
ATLANTIC.—East Florida—Jacksonville, 1st, 3.	3 00
BALTIMORE.—New Castle—Rock, 10; Zion, 15.	25 00
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Syracuse—Amboy, 8.	8 00
CINCINNATI.—Dayton—College Corner, 2; Dayton, 1st, from Mrs. B. G. Galoway, 20; Harmony, 6. Portsmouth—Greenbrier, German, 1; Portsmouth, German, 4.	33 00
CLEVELAND.—Mahoning—Coitsville, 2. Steubenville—Canonsburgh, 13 90.	15 90
ERIE.—Butler—Centre, 1 13; Pine Grove, 7; Westminster, 1. Erie—East Springfield, 3. Kittanning—Elder's Ridge, 13; West Lebanon, 20. Shenango—New Castle, 1st, add'l, 3.	43 13
GENEVA.—Lyons—Red Creek, 4 50. Steuben—Corning, 2.	6 50
HARRISBURGH.—Huntingdon—Clearfield, Sabbath, 22; Ferrysville, 2.	42 00
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—Schuyler—Macomb, 9 50; Prairie City, 5.	14 50
ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—Chicago, 2d, 194 48.	194 48
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—Alton—Bethel, 2; Virden, 3 55. Cairo—Enfield, 5 15.	10 70
INDIANA, NORTH.—Fort Wayne—Auburn, 3. Logansport—Monticello, 65 cts.; Plymouth, 56 cts. Muncie—Wabash, 1 69.	5 90
INDIANA, SOUTH.—New Albany—Paoli, 4.	4 00
IOWA, NORTH.—Dubuque—Pleasant Grove, 1; Wilson's Grove, 1. Fort Dodge—Sac City, 1.	3 00
IOWA, SOUTH.—Iowa—Union, 7. Iowa City—Washington, 1 62.	8 62
KENTUCKY.—Ebenzer—Augusta, 2; Frankfort, 10; Murphysville, 6 50; Paris, 65 cts.	19 15
LONG ISLAND.—Brooklyn, South 3d St. 5. Nassau—Huntingdon, 1st, 34 25; Melville, 9 45.	48 70
MICHIGAN.—Lansing—Lansing, 1st, 5.	5 00
MINNESOTA.—St. Paul—Red Wing, 1 54.	1 54
MISSOURI.—Ozark—Joplin, 2. Platte—Martinsville, 1; A. Koon, 1.	4 00
NEW JERSEY.—Elizabeth—Roselle, 1st, 2 67. Jersey City—Jersey City, 3d, 1; Tenafly, 2 16. Morris and Orange—East Orange, 2 46. Newark—Newark Park, 6 34; Newark, Roseville, 121 32. New Brunswick—Hamilton Square, 2 74; Stockton, 1. Newton—Ashbury, 6; Yellow Frame, 1 83.	147 52

NEW YORK.—Boston—Londonderry, 325. Hudson—Scotchtown, 1 20. New York—New York, Brick, 281 35; New York, Madison Square, 269 24. North River—Cornwall, 15 38.	570 42
PHILADELPHIA.—Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 10th, Sab-sch., 11 04. Philadelphia Central—Philadelphia, West Arch St., 54 47. Philadelphia North—Germantown Wakefield, 20; Norristown, 1st, 45 86. Westminster—Hopewell, 9 44; Union, 5.	145 81
PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Manor Station 2. Pittsburgh—East Liberty, 11; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 27 95. Redstone—Dunbar, 8; West Newton, 2. West Virginia—Lumberport, 1.	51 95
TENNESSEE.—Union—Shiloh, 1.	1 00
TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—Bellefontaine, 1 79; Bucyrus, 87 cts.; West Liberty, 65 cts.	3 31
WEST NEW YORK.—Niagara—Wilson 1st, 5. Rochester—Lima, 77 ct. ; Sparta, 1st, 5.	10 77
WISCONSIN.—Chippewa—La Crosse, 1st, Sabbath, 2. Wisconsin River—Prairie du Sac, 11 35.	13 35

From the Churches.....\$1,453 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. A. Snashall, Red Creek, N. Y.	5 00
Mrs. A. M. Demarest.....	2 00
From "E.".....	1 00
Mrs. J. E. Sheldon, Covert, Mich.	1 00
A "thank offering" from Mrs. M. C. Riggs, Beaver Falls, Pa.....	100 00
Eliza A. Praylea, New Sharon, Iowa.....	25 00
From "E. G. W.," Bellefield, Pa....	10 00
"C. Ohio".....	3 17
Mrs. Mary Aspley Reardon, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	1 00
From Mrs. Saml. C. Wead, Malone, N. Y.....	100 00
Mrs. H. W. McKee, Springfield, Illinois.....	2 00
Mrs. Alicia Gilmore, Bloomington, Ind.....	3 00
From Mr. James Russell, North Jackson, Ohio.....	5 00

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Total in May..... \$1,711 92

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

FINANCIAL.—Received in April \$1,196.04, and in May \$4,394.48. These receipts are by no means so encouraging as were the receipts of the early months of last year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FREEDMEN.

It will be remembered that the General Assembly of 1874, in session at St. Louis, Mo., passed to continue its Committee on Freedmen, as then constituted, "for the period of five years," its affairs to be conducted "with the view to the final merging of the Committee with the Board of Home Missions;" and that the Assembly also gave directions as to the transfer—in the meantime—of the Churches under the care of the Committee to the care of the Board of Home Missions. Accordingly, after some two years of preparation, in January last 80 churches with their 27 ministers and 2 catechists were so transferred. The trust was accepted by the Board of Home Missions and the fact published—also, that there still remained under care of the Committee on Freedmen the entire educational department of the work and also the churches immediately connected with its Higher Institutions and under care of their Professors and Principals.

MEMORIALS AND OVERTURES.

Several papers, four in all, were sent up to the late General Assembly concerning the future of its work among the Freedmen. One from Atlantic Synod, referring to the Assembly's action at St. Louis, asked for the *continuance* of the Committee on Freedmen for educational and contiguous Church work. One from Louisville Presbytery asked that the *entire* work should be placed under the care of *one* organization. The able and exhaustive report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Freedmen, presented by its chairman, Rev. T. C. Strong, D. D., after giving, among other things, a statement of the progress of the work under care of the Committee, making special reference to that of the past four years, its present condition, and the economy with which it has been conducted, gave the purport of each of the memorials referred to and said:

"It will be noticed by the Assembly, that in all the aforementioned papers there is a marked and decided unity of view, all asking for the continuance of the Freedmen's Committee and the commitment to them of the establishment and administration of all educational work among the Freedmen of the South. The Committee make the following recommendations:

1. "That the work as at present carried on by the Presbyterian Committee of Missions for Freedmen be continued.

2. That this Assembly heartily and earnestly commends this work to the fervent prayers, increased contributions, and generous support of the churches under our care."

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by a strong vote of the Assembly as was, also, the entire report.

RE-TRANSFER OF CHURCHES.

After the report of the Standing Committee had been adopted, Rev. Hiram Baker, (colored), of the Synod of Atlantic and the Presbytery of Knox, obtained the platform and moved "that the churches heretofore transferred to the Board of Home Mission be re-transferred to the Committee of Freedmen." The motion was adopted by a strong vote, and with a manifestation of genuine satisfaction, on the part of the Assembly, not often accorded.

And now that the Assembly has been pleased thus to settle the status of her Committee of Missions for Freedmen, give it rest from perplexing uncertainty, and re-commit to its care her entire work among these people, may we not confidently expect for the work, that to which she so "heartily and earnestly commends" it, and which it so greatly needs, viz.: "the fervent prayers, increased contributions, and generous support of the churches under her care?"

RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN MAY, 1878.

ALBANY.— <i>Champlain</i> —Chateaugay, 3 38.	Martinsville, 65 cts.; Akron, 1. <i>St. Louis</i> —St. Charles, First, 1
ATLANTIC.— <i>East Florida</i> —Jacksonville 1st, 2.	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Roselle, 1 19; Roselle Sabbath-school, 66 cts. <i>Jersey City</i> —Jersey City, Third, 1; Tenafly, 1 49. <i>Monmouth</i> —Plattsburg, 4; Columbus, 2 33. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —East Orange, 1 70. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Stockton, 1; Trenton, Prospect St., 26 st. <i>Newark</i> —Newark Park, 4 38; Plane St., 2. <i>Newton</i> —Yellow Frame, 1 25; Hackettstown, 20. <i>West Jersey</i> —Westerford, 1.
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Havre de Grace, 5.	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Scotchtown, 83 cts. <i>New York</i> —Fifth Avenue, 325 74; New York, First, 2971 47.
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Otsego</i> —Laurens, 5; Unadilla, 4.	PACIFIC.— <i>Los Angeles</i> —Ojai, 5. <i>San José</i> —San Juan, 10.
CINCINNATI.— <i>Dayton</i> —Harmony, 6; College Corner, 3	PHILADELPHIA.—Philadelphia, Tenth, 192 10; Philadelphia, Bethany, 4; Philadelphia, Fifteenth, 1; Philadelphia, West Spruce St., 197 43. <i>Philadelphia, Central</i> —Richmond, 2; Trinity, 3. <i>Pittsburgh</i> — <i>Blairsville</i> —Salem, 7. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Bethany, 13 40; East Liberty, 12 61; Shady Side, 15 34. <i>Revsstone</i> —David A. C. Sherrard, Esq., of Laurel Hill Church, 200; Greensboro, 1. <i>West Virginia</i> —Weston, 1; Buchanan, 1.
CLEVELAND.— <i>Mahoning</i> —Coitsville, 1; Deerfield, 10. <i>Steubenville</i> —Yellow Creek, 8.	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bucyrus, 59 cts.; West Liberty, 45 cts.; Bellefontaine, 1 23.
COLUMBUS.— <i>Athens</i> —Marietta, 4th St., 8 90. <i>Zanesville</i> —Duncan's Falls, 4 20.	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Rochester</i> —Lima, 53 cts.; Moscow, 2; Lima Sabbath-school, 15.
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre, 79 cts.; Pine Grove, 7; Allegheny, 4. <i>Erie</i> —East Springfield, 4. <i>Kittanning</i> —Elder's Ridge, 15.	WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —West Granville, 3; Richfield, 1. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Baraboo, 4.
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Eddytown, Ladies' Missionary Society, 10. <i>Steuben</i> —Corning, 1 38.	MISCELLANEOUS.—Martha Stowell, Wyalusing, Pa., 5; A Friend, Morrisania, N. Y., 1; Fayetteville, N. C., Mission, 39 cts.; Himes family, Gap, Pa., 20; Legacy from the estate of Wm. Van Doren Sutton, St. Clairsville, O., 50; C., Ohio, 2 20.
HARRISBURG.— <i>Huatingdon</i> —Perrysville, 10; Lower Tuscarora, 5.	
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Schwylor</i> —Wilmington, First, 5; Prairie City, 5; Good Hope, 5.	
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Wilmington, First, 5; Chicago, Fourth, 2; Peotone, First, 3. <i>Freeport</i> —Galena, Ger. Second, 50.	
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Virden, 2 44. <i>Mattoon</i> —Hebron, 1.	
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Logansport</i> —Plymouth, 39 cts.; <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 17. <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Auburn, 1 50.	
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Vincennes</i> —Mt. Vernon, 2.	
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Dubuque</i> —Pleasant Grove, 1; Wilson's Grove, 1.	
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Iowa City</i> —Washington, 1 12.	
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Paris, 65 cts.; Augusta, 10. <i>Louisville</i> —Plum Creek, 1; Shelbyville, First, 14.	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Lansing</i> —Homer, 14.	
MINNESOTA.— <i>Mankato</i> —St. Peter, 7 25. <i>St. Paul</i> —Dayton Ave., 5 05; House of Hope, 45 60; Redwing, 1 07.	
MISSOURI.— <i>Platte</i> —St. Joseph, Westm'r, 2 40;	

Total receipts in May, 1878.....\$4394 48

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ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. M. Batchelder and the church of Albia, Iowa, has been dissolved by the Presbytery of Des Moines.

Rev. S. W. Duffield has resigned the pastoral charge of the Calvary Presbyterian church at Auburn, N. Y.

Rev. John Ross Findlay has resigned the charge of the Central Presbyterian church, Rock Island, Ill.

Rev. John Crowell, D. D., has resigned the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church at Odessa, Del.

Rev. Charles Thayer has resigned his charge of the church of Cherokee, Kansas, and removed to Luverne, Minn., to commence a church enterprise there and at Beaver Creek, in Rock County. His P. O. is Luverne, Minn.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. Ludlow and the church of S. Amenia, N. Y., has been dissolved.

CALLS RECEIVED OR ACCEPTED.

Rev. H. A. McLean, late graduate from Princeton, has received a call to the new Presbyterian church in Dilworthtown, Chester County, Pa.

The Rev. Dr. S. S. Mitchell, of Washington, D. C., has accepted a call to the Reformed church on the Heights, at Pierrepoint street and Monroe Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., succeeding the Rev. Dr. Inglis, who died recently.

Rev. John A. Bower has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Bloomington, Ind.

Rev. Edward W. Brown, of Irondale, O., has received a call to the church of Ebensburg, Pa.

Rev. Jas. B. Fisher has received a call to the church of Deposit, N. Y.

Rev. David S. Tappan has received a call to the church of Muncie, Ind.

Rev. John Elliott Wright has received a call to the First Presbyterian church at Madison, Wisconsin.

Rev. J. W. Walden has received a call to the Park Presbyterian church, Dayton, O.

The Rev. E. G. Cheeseman has received and accepted a call to the newly organized church at Fowlersville, N. Y., Presbytery of Rochester.

The Rev. E. W. Root, recently at Chenango Forks, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Dryden, N. Y.

The Third Presbyterian church at Chester, Pa., has given a call to the Rev. Thomas McCauley, lately pastor of the church at Hackettstown, N. J.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. E. P. Foresman was installed pastor of the churches of Bradford and Kylerstown, Clearfield County, on the 7th of June.

Rev. Thomas L. Hughes was ordained and installed pastor of the church at Eckmansville, Adams Co., Ohio, on May 10th.

The Rev. H. P. Dunning has been installed pastor of the Presbyterian church, Corvallis, Oregon.

The Rev. Harlan H. Mendenhall was installed pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian church, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the evening of Wednesday, the 15th of May.

Rev. S. Henry Bell was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church of Port Carbon, Pa., by Lehigh Presbytery, on the 26th of April.

Rev. J. V. R. Hughes, recently of Fleming, Pa., was installed pastor of the church of Kilbourn City, Wis., on the 8th of March.

Mr. George Wells Ely was installed pastor of the church at Wyoming, Pa., on the 30th of April.

Mr. N. J. Rubikam has been ordained and installed in the chapel of the church at West Pittston.

Rev. E. P. Wells was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mechanicsville, Iowa, May 28th.

The Rev. Archibald McCullagh, formerly of Germantown, Pa., was formally installed pastor of the Ross street Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, E. D., on April 21st.

Rev. S. W. Lindsley was installed pastor of the churches of Breesport and Sullivanville, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Chemung, on the 22d of May.

Rev. M. W. Stryker was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church, Ithaca, N. Y., on the 21st of May.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

The address of the Rev. W. R. Glen is changed from Elizabeth, N. J., to Frankfort, Ind.

The post-office address of Rev. Dr. Daniel March is changed to Woburn, Mass.

Rev. E. P. Foresman removed from Saxton to Kylerstown, Pa.

Rev. Charles Thayer, from Cherokee, Kansas, to Luverne, Minn.

Rev. H. K. White, from Roxbury, Kas., to Marquette, Kansas.

Rev. Archibald McCullagh, from German- town, Pa., to 135th Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. R. E. Field having accepted the pas- torate of the Puritan church, his address will be 351 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. E. W. Post, from Bloomsburgh to Marshfield, Warren Co., Ind.

DEATHS.

Dr. Elias R. Fairchild died at his home in Morristown, N. J., on the 25th day of April, 1878, aged 77 years, being born in the place where he died.

Dr. Hugh Nesbit Wilson died at German- town, June 4, 1878, in the 64th year of his age.

Ministers are respectfully requested to furnish their changes of address directly to *The Monthly Record*. It is sent to all ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and it is important that their correct addresses should always be in the office.

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